



Group Discussion and Application

1. What impresses you most about this text?
2. Why is “*shepherding*” a good image for leadership in the church? Describe the work involved in shepherding the church.
3. What does servant-leadership look like in practical terms?
4. How do we discern those God has called to be leaders in the church?
5. What happens when the wrong leaders are raised up in a congregation?
6. How can the church effectively train men for church eldership?
7. Why is a plurality of elders important in the local congregation?
8. In what specific ways have church leaders served as examples to you?
9. In what ways can members of the congregation show proper respect for their leaders?
10. How/what should we pray for the leaders of our congregation?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. In what specific ways might you encourage the leaders of our church?
2. Devote time to prayer for the under-shepherds of our congregation.



Family Homework

1. Make a list of the elders of Grace Fellowship.
2. Each day select one of these men and...
 - a. discuss how he serves our congregation.
 - b. consider his personal needs and the needs of his family.
 - c. discuss specific ways to encourage and show respect to this leader.
 - d. spend time praying for this leader.



Servant Leaders

1 Peter 5:1-4

Peter describes characteristics of the Christ-like church leader.

1 Church leaders lead by _____.

2 Church leaders lead with _____.

3 Church leaders lead _____.

4 Church leaders lead _____.

5 Church leaders lead by _____.

6 Church leaders lead with _____.