

Virtual Small Group Discussion

1 Peter 5.1–14

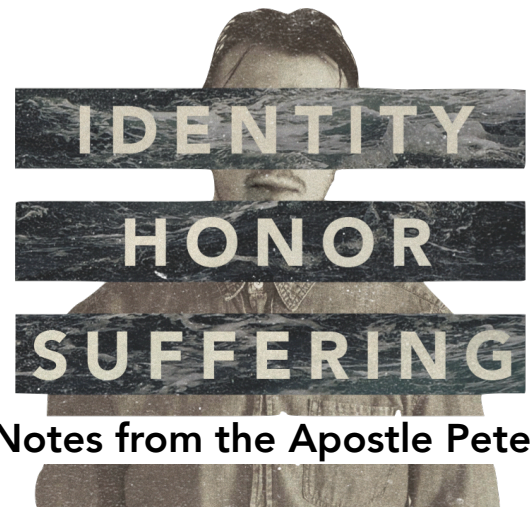
Shepherds, Sheep, Suffering, and Survival

Getting Started

- When you think of a good leader, what qualities and behaviors come to mind?
- Should there be a difference between leadership in government/corporate environments and the church? Why?

Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main *Facts* of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
 - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
 - What is the main truth of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?



From the Teaching this Morning

- Why do you think Peter relies on the shepherd metaphor when addressing church leadership?
- Take about 5–10 minutes and read through Ezekiel 34 with a pen in hand. Bracket descriptions of bad shepherds, and underline descriptions of good shepherding. What can we learn from this Ezekiel text to help us better understand the role of our elders/pastors?
- Do you have any anxieties you need to “throw upon God?” Is it easy or difficult to believe that God truly cares for you? Read Matthew 11.28–30 and reflect on how life might be different if we trusted him with our anxieties.
- What are some practical ways you can resist Satan and his desire to devour? Consider James 4.7–10 and Ephesians 6.10–20,

APPLICATION

- Not a question, but a request. Please pray for our Elders and the Elder Advisory Committee as they work through the logistics of how and when to best regather in our building?
- How can you pray for our elders/pastors and encourage them this week? Take some time to encourage one of our leaders this week with a note, email, or some other meaningful gesture.