

A Biblical Approach to Church Leadership

Source Text: 1 Peter 5:1-4

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Sermon Points:

1. EXTERNALS of church leadership (5:1-2)
 - a. A statement about WHO leaders are (5:1)
 - b. A statement about WHAT leaders do (5:2)

2. INTERNALS of church leadership (5:3)
 - a. Comparison of leader MOTIVATIONS
 - b. Comparison of leader INTENTIONS
 - c. Comparison of leader APPROACHES

3. ETERNALS of church leadership (5:4)

Discussion Questions

1. Why might Peter introduce himself the way he does in verse 1? When in your life might it be important to come alongside someone as a peer when you are trying to guide them?
2. What do the words “elder”, “shepherd”, “pastor”, and “overseer” mean to you? What was the organizational structure of the leadership in the church in which you grew up? What have you seen churches do well or struggle with in areas of leadership? How has the leadership you have experienced impacted the way you see and understand the church and God?

3. Have you or your Life Group met or gotten to know an elder of DBC? If not, perhaps coordinate with our Life Groups ministry to schedule an elder visit, or you can visit with one on Sundays at Starting Point.
4. What is to be the motivation, intention, and approach of an elder? How is this different than all other leadership in our society? How can this type of leadership be applied to the way you lead others in your family and workplace?
5. What is one thing from this passage that ministered to you and that you can implement into your life this week?