

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

LifeGroup Discussion

Date: October 1, 2017

1 Peter 5

1. Psalm 23 is known as the Shepherd Psalm. What does the Bible teach us about Christ, our Good Shepherd in that psalm? In what ways can that psalm instruct pastors about the ways they should care for their church?
2. Pastor Craig sought to answer the question last Sunday, "What is a pastor?" Why is this question more important than asking what a pastor does?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:3. The pastor is to exercise oversight and leadership, but never in a domineering way. How is that possible? What should godly leadership look like?
4. Peter urges pastors (and everyone) to be humble. Read Philippians 2:1-11. What is humility? Why is it so important for Christians?
5. Read 1 Peter 5:8-11. How does this verse apply to pastors specifically and to the larger church in general? How can you prepare right now to resist the devil when he attacks?
6. Most of the people in a church are not pastors. Why is it important for the entire church to understand the biblical character and role of a pastor? How does a better understanding of pastors help you to more faithfully serve your church?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize 1 Peter 5:8. Discuss steps you can take as a family to guard against spiritual attack.