

LIVING AS EXILES

A SERIES IN 1ST PETER

MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 10 – SHEPHERDS AND SHEEP

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

1 Peter 5:1-5; Philippians 2:3-4; Acts 20:28; Hebrew 3:7, 17; James 3:1

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SHEPHERDS AND THE SHEEP

Pastors are called to _____ and _____ God's sheep

- Pastoral leadership must be a _____, not a _____
- Pastors should pursue _____ service, not _____ gain
- Pastors should focus on setting a _____, not _____

Pastors serve as _____
of the _____, Jesus

The sheep are called to _____ to the _____
_____ of their pastors

- Give your pastors the _____ of the _____
- _____ the _____ to which your pastors have _____
- Remember that your pastors will _____ of their _____

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why is it important that pastoral leaders are called by God?
2. What might the devoted service of a pastor look like?
3. How can a focus on setting a Christ-like example assist pastoral leaders in exercising authority?
4. What does it mean that pastors are under-shepherds?
5. In what way are pastors stewards?
6. What is the role of sheep to the shepherds?
7. What might it look like to give your pastors the benefit of the doubt?
8. How can a church honor the calling of its pastors?
9. What does it mean that pastors will give an account?
10. Why must church members keep this in mind as they interact with and maybe even disagree with their pastors?