

Sermon Q's - May 21, 2023

Shepherds and Sheep

1 Peter 5:1-5

1. What are some places in the story of God's people (Old and New Testaments) you would go to establish the importance of godly leaders?
2. What is most difficult for you about practicing humility or being subject to leaders? How has God brought blessing into your life through this even when it's hard?
3. A principle of leadership throughout the Bible is that God specifically requires of the leaders of his people what He generally expects of all his people. How is that true with regard to shepherding (loving one another, carrying one another's burdens, etc.)?
4. Read Ezekiel 34. How does this remind you of the weakness of human shepherds? How does this encourage you with the commitment of the Chief Shepherd?
5. How have you experienced shepherds driven by compulsion, shameful gain, or domineering? How has that impacted you, and how would God have us respond to those hurts in ourselves and others?
6. How could you best pray for our leaders in light of this passage? What is one other way you could encourage them?