

Sermon Notes – February 19, 2017

Review

- ⇒ Numerous times in I Peter we see that our future hope should have a profound impact on our daily choices and how we look at life in general. “The Day” matters!
- ⇒ Last week we asked “What is the normal Christian life?” and saw that it should not be a surprise when we suffer for identifying with Christ. After all, Christ suffered for us.

Today's Text: Read I Peter 5:1-5

In today's text, Peter continues the line of thought that he begins in 4:17 — “it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God” — and addresses what leaders in Christ's church should look like using the familiar and often misunderstood biblical imagery of shepherd & sheep. FYI—Paul addresses leadership qualities in I Timothy 3 & Titus 1.

Leaders: Shepherd God's Flock!

- ⇒ Peter underscores his right to address this important topic. He is a fellow _____, an _____ of Christ (Cf. 1:1 & II Peter 1:1; 3:2), and a _____ of future glory.
- ⇒ What does it mean to “shepherd”? Though many think immediately of gentle, pastoral care, the Bible presents a much broader picture of a shepherd, including:
 - Strong _____
 - Diligent _____
 - Careful _____
 - Willing _____
- ⇒ Texts to think about: Psalm 23; Jer. 23; John 10; Acts 20
- ⇒ Peter uses three qualifiers (3):
 - Leaders should serve _____
 - Leaders should serve with right _____
 - Leaders should serve as an _____ (not for power)
- ⇒ As with all believers, leaders must keep their eye on the “finish line” as well! (4)

A Different Kind of Leadership

I Peter 5:1-5

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Humility Should Characterize ALL Believers!

- ⇒ Those who are “younger” (i.e. those who are led, in contrast with the “Elders”) should have a _____ - _____ toward leaders. Cf. Hebrews 13:7, 17
- ⇒ Humility should be a _____ characteristic among all God's people, even as Christ Himself was humble. Cf. Philippians 2:5-11

Responding to God's Word

Let's talk about expectations for leaders! Biblically-minded leaders should have Christ as their model. They should seek to lead & serve like Him. What should this look like for leaders?

Let's talk about expectations for church attendees! What happens when we misunderstand & misapply the shepherd/sheep motif in a local church setting?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

“As I work with various leaders, I've come across a fundamental assumption on which some base their pastoral paradigm. It's the assumption that the primary and foremost role of the pastor is to provide pastoral care for the congregation...This includes such hands-on care as visitation, counseling, encouragement, and so on.

I challenge this assumption both biblically and practically. I believe that, while pastoral care is a function of the pastorate, it is neither its primary nor foremost role.

The primary responsibility of the pastor is to lead the congregation, which includes such things as teaching the Scriptures, propagating the mission, casting a vision, strategizing to accomplish the church's mission, protecting the sheep from false teaching, and other functions.” (Aubrey Malphurs, Being Leaders, 176)