

Discussion questions for I Peter 5:1-5

1. How does Peter describe His role as he addresses the elders of the churches? How is this an example to us of the importance of humility in leadership? (v. 1)

2. How did Jesus' suffering -- and contemplation of the glory to come -- shape Peter as a leader?

3. What characteristics does godly leadership involve? What kinds of motivations should be avoided? (v. 2, 3)

4. Read Matthew 20:25-28. Compare Jesus' teaching and example with Peter's. To what kind of leadership does Jesus call us?

5. Are you eager to serve on a daily basis? How is a good example more important than one's position?

6. How are leaders to be followers in relation to the Lord Jesus? What is their reward? (v. 4-5)

7. How does verse 5 sum up the central theme in this portion?

8. Take some time and discuss how this passage applies to:

Elders / ministry leaders ↔ church members

Husbands ↔ Wives

Fathers / Mothers ↔ children

Older Christians ↔ younger Christians

Christian bosses / supervisors ↔ workers