

“The Leadership Challenge”
1 Peter 5:1-4

Central Idea: The church needs its leaders to be Christ-like as it faces unjust suffering for living out God’s truth.

I. Peter’s personal plea (1)

“Therefore”

Peter’s attitude: _____, _____, _____

- “exhort”- _____ encouragement to do right

- #1 - “fellow elder” - one of them, _____ what they face

- #2 - “witness of the sufferings of Christ”
Peter is not asking them to do anything he hasn’t _____

- #3 - “partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed”
Peter will _____ with them the glory to be revealed

II. The leaders motivation (2-3)

“Shepherd the flock”

- take _____ of those under your _____

“exercising oversight”

#1 - Serve _____ - not _____ (2b)

- Don’t do the job out of _____

- A leader serves because he _____ to not because he _____ to.

- A leader serves out of _____, not out of _____.

#2 - Serve _____ - not _____

“sordid gain” - _____ + _____

Leaders are not to serve for what they can _____.

“eagerness” - _____, _____

#3 - Serve by _____ - not by _____

“lording it over”

- _____ ruling over, _____
- Mark 10:42-45 — Jesus spoke against this

“be examples to the flock” Be a _____ for people to follow.

- This kind of leader never asks others to do _____ they are not already doing themselves.
- Psalm 23:2 “He leads me beside quiet waters”

III. The leaders reward (4)

Chief Shepherd - _____

This reward shows us how _____ & how _____ God takes our service - faithful service to God is very important.

Application:

1. _____ of this church - don't take lightly the responsibilities you have in this church - God doesn't - He judges and rewards it.

- Leadership means that you are the one God holds _____ for the direction of things under your care.

2. _____ of this church - don't take lightly the responsibilities of our leaders in this church - God doesn't.

_____ for them, _____ them and _____ them.