



1 Peter

5:1-5



Main Idea

Jesus uses faithful church leaders to shepherd us closer to him.

Faithful Leadership in the Church

Jesus wants us to shepherd us (v 1)

Jesus wants shepherding leaders (v 2-4)

Jesus wants willing sheep (v 5)

Jesus wants to shepherd us

1 “To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings, and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed.”

Jesus wants to shepherd us

John 20:16: “Again Jesus said, ‘Simon son of John, do you truly love me?’ He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Shepherd my sheep.’”

Jesus wants shepherding leaders

What does it mean to be a shepherd?

2 “Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers.”

Jesus wants shepherding leaders

Presbuteros - Elder

Episkopos - Overseer/Bishop

Poimenos - Shepherd/Pastor

Jesus wants shepherding leaders

How should elders shepherd? (v 2-3)

- Not out of obligation, but willingly
- Not greedy, but eager
- Not lording over, but being examples

Jesus wants shepherding leaders

Why do elders shepherd? (v 4)

4 “And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”

Jesus wants willing sheep

5 “Young men, in the same way be
submissive to those who are older.”

Applying the passage today

Elders: Learning to be a sheepdog

Others: Learning to encourage your
sheepdogs

All: Learning to know the Chief Shepherd