

CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT

Teaching Series
from
1 Peter



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 26 February 2023

Please read 1 Peter 5.1-4 along with Psalm 23 and John 10.10-13

1. What are the qualities of godly shepherd-leadership that are highlighted in the passages above?
2. How does this compare with some of the forms of leadership we see highlighted on tv shows like The Apprentice, or in the current political arena?

Please read 1 Timothy 3.1-10 and Titus 1.9

3. Which characteristics, attitudes, lifestyle traits and experiences are the stuff that God looks for in the Shepherds who will care for His flock?
4. Why do you think only one ability is mentioned?
5. *'Those who are called to formal leadership responsibilities should already be carrying the attitude of godly leaders and living as an example of one who is safe to follow. Church leaders are identified and recognized in the church by their shepherd-like attitude and example' (Bearing in mind there are none who can hold a candle to Jesus the Chief Shepherd) – what do you think of this statement?*

Please read 1 Peter 5.5a

6. With Peter having just identified how the elders were to submit themselves to God and His flock in providing the best shepherd care they are able, he calls on those who are younger to submit to their leaders. What might this (counter-cultural idea) look like today in the church?

Please read 1 Peter 5.5b-6 and Philippians 2.3-9

7. Why do we need to put on the clothes of humility? How do we go about it? What's at stake if we don't?

Please read 1 Peter 5.7 and 1 Peter 2.9

8. What different forms might 'casting all our anxiety on Him' take?

Please read 1 Peter 5.8-9 and James 4.6-8 and Ephesians 6.10-12, 18

9. What do we learn from these passages about how best to handle spiritual warfare?

Please read 1 Peter 5.10-14

10. In summary of 1 Peter, how do we 'stand fast' in the true grace of God?
11. What's your Small Group's version of 'Greet one another with a kiss of love'?