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1 Peter 5:1-4 | Does Your Pastor Pastor?

## Scripture Memory

*“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”*

– 1 Peter 5:6-7

## Application Questions

*Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit [compassntx.org](http://compassntx.org) to join a small group near you.*

1. Read **1 Peter 5:1–2** and **John 10:11–15**. When you think of a shepherd, what specific qualities stand out, and how do these shape the way you view what pastors are called to be and do?

2. Read **1 Peter 5:2** and **1 Timothy 1:5**. When is a time you’ve felt particularly loved by a pastor, and what specific actions or words made Christlike love visible to you? How might that example shape the way you seek to love others in the church this week?

3. Read **1 Peter 5:2–3** and **Hebrews 13:17**. What are some specific, practical ways you can respond to your pastors that would help them shepherd eagerly and ‘with joy and not with groaning’? Think in terms of your attitude, your words, and your involvement in the life of the church.

4. Read **1 Peter 5:4** and **Hebrews 13:17**. In your own words, what does it mean that pastors serve as Christ’s undershepherds and will give an account to Him for their care of souls? Based on these verses, list 2–3 specific ways you will commit to praying for your pastors this week, and take time to pray for them together as a group.

## Recommended Reading

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- *The Shepherd Leader* - Timothy Witmer
- *Praying for Sunday* - Mike Fabarez
- *On Being a Pastor* - Derek Prime and Alistair Begg