

“Christ Like Servant Leadership”

Small Group Questions

What is one thing that really impacted you out of Rod’s sermon on this week’s core value:

Christ Like Servant Leadership: *Lifestreams aspires to be a church led by Godly men and women with leadership gifts who ensure we follow good governance principles and are committed to raising, training, empowering and releasing new generations of Christ-like servant leaders in all ministries of the Church.*

- **Take turns sharing about the leaders or the people that God has used to impact you and grow you.**

Please read...

1 Peter 5:1 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

-Who and what are ELDERS?

v2 Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care,

The shepherd is a beautiful picture of LEADERSHIP.

- **Talk about this and discuss whether you agree or not**

Remember you are a leader (we are all leading some people somewhere)

- **So what does it mean to shepherd? What does it look like?**

1. WATCH AND PROTECT

v2 Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be;

- **How did an ancient shepherd watch and protect his flock?**
- **How do we watch and protect those who have been entrusted to our care?**
- **What do our people need protection from today? Give your own examples.**

v2 not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;

2. SERVE

- **How did the ancient shepherd serve his flock?**
- **How are you serving those God has entrusted you with?**
Do you “know” them and do they know your voice?
Are you feeding them with the word of God and are you guiding them in wisdom and in prayer?

3. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

v3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

- **How did the ancient shepherd lead by example?**
- **How is your example to the people you lead? What will the next generation write about you? What would you like them to say about you in future generations?**

v4 *And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

- **“The Crown of Glory”; have a conversation about what this might be referring to. Are there other Scriptures that can help you make a comment? eg 1 Thessalonians 2:19,20**

Let's get Practical

- **Can I encourage you to encourage a leader or someone God has used to shape you into the person that you are today. You may write them a postcard, email, call them, personally share with them..but do it... thank them. Please make the effort.**
- **Pray for each other and ask the Spirit to grow you in what we have looked at in this study.**