



Sermon Questions

Date: *March 20, 2022* | Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-5

1. Read 1 Peter 5:1-5. What does humble leadership look like in the church?
2. Paul writes as a fellow elder to the elders of the church. As a Presbyterian church, we have a *plurality* of elders who have *parity*, including teaching and ruling elders. Is this familiar to you? Why is it important?
3. The purpose of leadership in the church is to 'shepherd the flock of God that is among you' (v2), including humbly feeding, protecting, guiding and caring for the people of the church.
 - a. Do you know who your shepherd in our church family is?
 - b. Whatever your role or responsibilities in our church family, how can you exercise this kind of leadership in your context?
4. There are many wrong motivations for leadership. Some of these are revealed in v2-3, alongside good motivations. How do these reveal areas for repentance in your life? How can you step into joyful service instead?
5. Our model and our hope in all service and leadership is Jesus. Consider the promise of v4. How does it affect life today?

Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.

6. Is there a leader in a church context whose humble leadership has meant a lot to you? Talk about it, and consider contacting them to encourage them as they persevere.
7. Many people have experienced hurt and abuse of power in church settings. Our conviction is that the Holy Spirit, not coercion, is what changes people. Are there experiences you need to talk through? Either in your CG or through our Care ministry, prioritize finding a way to work through these.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Exodus 18:13-27
- Psalm 127
- Isaiah 6:1-7
- John 13:1-20, 31-35
- Philippians 2:1-18
- James 4:1-10

Pray for the leaders in our church: Teaching Elders (Pastors), Ruling Elders, Deacons, Board of Women, CG leaders and more. Pray for their leadership to draw people closer to Christ, and for the Spirit's help with the burdens they carry.

Serve: Take some time to pray and meditate on the gifts and opportunities you have to serve humbly in our church family.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org