

ECC Group Questions
Job Description for Christian Leaders

1 Peter 5:1-4

Opening: What is one of the most unruly groups you have had to “shepherd”? Share your experience.

Read 1 Peter 5:1-4

1. Peter begins this passage by listing his credentials. What is included in this list?
How do Peter’s credentials communicate a message about Christian leadership?
Name someone you consider a great leader. What makes them a great leader?

2. What is the main command in this passage (Verse 2a)?
Read John 21:15-17. What do you think Jesus meant by “feed my sheep”?
Read John 10:1-17. How did Jesus shepherd people?

3. What did Peter mean by “not under compulsion, but willingly”?
How excited and eager are you when you’re forced to do something?
How excited and eager are you when you can do something willingly?

4. What did Peter mean by “not for shameful gain, but eagerly”?
How can greed affect Christian leadership?
How can Christian leaders avoid being greedy in ministry?

5. What did Peter mean by “not domineering ... but being examples”?
How can domineering leadership create problems in Christian ministry?
How can leading by example build up trust in a Christian leader?

6. Read Matthew 20:20-28. What did Jesus tell his disciples concerning the way they should lead?
In what ways did Jesus lead by example?

7. Summarize the characteristics Peter encourages Christian leaders to cultivate.
Why would these characteristics be important in times of persecution?
Why would they be important in our culture today?
8. What can you do to cultivate these characteristics among the people you shepherd?

Memory Verse

1 Peter 5:4

*And when the chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.*

- I will remember that it is God's flock (his church), not mine.
 - I will ask, "What can I give?" rather than asking, "What do I get?"
 - I will strive to be an example of Christ-like-ness in all things.
 - The people in my life that I will commit to shepherding well are:
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