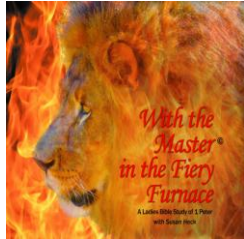


Questions to Consider—With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Lesson 22—What Does A Good Pastor Look Like?

1. Read 1 Peter 5:1-4 making note of the qualities that should be present in an elder.



2. Memorize 1 Peter 5: 2, 3.
3. (a) What other qualities are to be present in elders or deacons according to 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9? (b) Which of these qualities are the same as what Peter mentions in 1 Peter 5:1-4? (c) Why is it essential that churches choose their leaders based on these qualities? (d) Does your church choose elders based on these qualities?
4. (a) What were the shepherds guilty of in Ezekiel 34:1-3? (b) What “tending” of the flock were they negligent in according to Ezekiel 34:4? (c) As a result, what happened to the sheep according to Ezekiel 34:5-9? (d) What happened to the shepherds according to Ezekiel 34:10?
5. (a) Read the remaining portion of Ezekiel 34 (verses 11-31), and summarize what the Great Shepherd did for those scattered sheep. (b) How does this encourage you for yourself or others you know who perhaps are not in churches where there are faithful shepherds?
6. Peter says in 1 Peter 5:3 that elders are not to “lord” over their flock. Read Hebrews 13:17 and reconcile what you read with what Peter says in 1 Peter 5:3.
7. What are some ways that the shepherds (or leaders in the church) should set examples for the flock? (You might want to think of how Paul, Peter, or some of the other apostles set examples.)
8. Have you thanked God for the leaders in your church? Do you pray for the leaders in your church? Do you know the ones who shepherd your soul? How much time do you spend with them? How can you pray for the leaders in your church? Write a prayer of thanksgiving for your leaders, as well as a request for them.