



FORGED IN THE FURNACE

Christ-Like Leadership 1 Peter 5:1-7 Forged in the Furnace pt. 10

THE BIG IDEA

Scripture gives us a different definition of leadership than we are used to, and calls those who would lead in the church to a different standard – the standard of Christ-like service.

OPENING

- What qualities do you believe make a great leader? Who do you know who embodies those qualities?
- What imagery comes to mind when you think of the word “leader”?

DIGGING DEEPER

- In 1 Peter 5:2 the Apostle Peter calls those who would lead in the church to be “shepherds” of God’s people. But a shepherd isn’t necessarily a common image of a leader. Why do you think Peter gives them the image of a Shepherd? What does this reveal about Peter’s view of true leadership?
- 1 Peter 5:1-4 Lists behaviors church leaders (shepherds) are supposed to live out. Which resonates with you the most & why?
 - ✓ Shepherding, not out of obligation but willingly
 - ✓ Not being motivated by financial gain but out of an eagerness to serve
 - ✓ Not lording it over others, but as an example
- How does Peter’s definition of a church leader differ from secular leadership roles?
- Pastor Kate pointed out that although Peter addressed leaders (elders) specifically in 5:1-4, everyone in the churches would have heard these instructions to leaders. How do you think that impacted the church as a whole?
- Peter warns against the dangers of pride and encourages humility for the sake of church unity in 1 Peter 5:6. How can members of a church body identify and guard

against the pitfalls of pride which breed division, and instead put on humility as Jesus did?

PUTTING IT TO WORK

- According to 1 Peter 5:7, we are encouraged to cast all our anxieties on God because God cares for us. How can your group support one another in dealing with stress and anxiety in personal & church settings?
- As a group, spend time praying for Glenkirk as a whole, that our leaders would embody the servant leadership of Jesus more and more, that we would serve one another with humility, and that God would look with favor upon us and bind us together in unity.

PRAYER REQUESTS