

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE:

(60-minute session—08-16-20)

Message Series: THRIVE.

This series will walk us through the New Testament book of 1Peter. In Peter's letter to the scattered Christian community, God's people are encouraged to live in hope and walk in holiness...literally THRIVE from heaven's perspective. We hope you enjoy the series as we focus in on several of the imperatives found in 1Peter.

Today's lesson is about Church Leadership.

How important is leadership to any organization? How important is leadership when it comes to the church? How is leadership in the church similar and yet different from leadership in the secular world? Can you think of at least two important qualities of a leader in the church?

In our lesson today, we are going to find some especially important leadership principals:

1. Pride of _____ must be _____:

Read 1Peter 5:1

How did Peter relate to the elders of the Church? How might Peter have chosen to address the elders of these churches?

What message did Peter convey, in his manner of address to the elders? Why was this important to an already stressed church?

2. The _____ of a shepherd must be _____:

Read 1Peter 5:2-3

What are the two key responsibilities of a shepherd?

Key Responsibilities:

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____

What did you learn about each? What happens when you do not have a balance of both?

Read 1Peter 5:2-3

Discuss what it means to have the proper reason, spirit, and manner for effective shepherding.

Read Hebrews 13:17. How can members of the church make it easier for leaders to do their jobs?