

## Questions, Quotes and Notes

September 4, 2022

1 Peter 5:1-4:

### Pre-Sermon:

Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. What do you think the word pastor means?
2. What do you think makes a good pastor?
3. What is the difference between an elder and a pastor? (Hint: This could be a trick question.)

### Mid-Sermon:

We are looking at 1 Peter 5:1-4 together and answering the following questions: 1.) What do elders do? and 2.) How should they do that? And 3.) Why would they? But instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. What are the two leadership offices in the church?
2. Why is knowing what a pastor does important?
3. Why do you think we often emphasize talent over giftedness?
4. What is the difference between a godly man and a godly man who is an elder?
5. What image does Peter use to describe the elder's role?
6. What are the four ways elders exercise oversight?
7. What is the primary way an elder shepherds and exercises oversight?
8. What stands out to you about how Peter says an elder is to do this?
9. Why would someone not want to be an elder? Why would he want to be an elder?

### Notes:

## Post Sermon:

- Important Quotes:
  1. "The word pastor means shepherd and the word shepherd is a metaphor. It is used to describe leaders of the church because it better summarizes their responsibilities than any other term. It is good to step back and think about exactly why God describes the church as a flock of sheep and Himself as the chief shepherd, the way in which God has committed these sheep unto Christ and Christ's own great sacrifice on their behalf, laying down his life for their good and what God's calling them as under-shepherds of His sheep really means. But, certainly one thing this description implies is that a pastor will love, care for, and watch out for the spiritual good of his people, going before them, seeking to protect them, feeding them, defending them, as servants of the chief Shepherd. The title shepherd is really a honor, but it involves sacrifice. It is a description of a servant not a king. Therefore, it's not surprising that this term became less and less used in the church and titles like bishop or guide or president or even reverend came more and more into use in its place, as these titles imply more glory and authority than that of a humble shepherd of sheep. But this is the name God uses to describe pastors and their work is to feed God's flock." John Owen
  2. "Ministers of the gospel follow the example of their great Master, in the manner in which they seek the salvation and happiness of the souls of men. They should follow his example of love to souls. Though it be impossible that they should love them to so great a degree, yet they should have the same spirit of love to them, and concern for their salvation, according to their capacity. Love to men's souls in Christ was far above any regard he had to his temporal interest, his ease, his honor, his meat and drink. And so it should be with his ministers. They should have the same spirit of compassion to men under their spiritual calamities and miseries that he had, of whom we read, Mark 6:34, "That when he came out and saw much people, he was moved with compassion towards them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." The word translated moved with compassion, signifies, that he was most sensibly affected, and his inmost bowels moved with pity. And again we read, Luke 19, that when Christ was riding to Jerusalem, that wicked city, but a few days before his crucifixion, and was come to the descent of the mount of Olives, where he had a fair view of the city, when he beheld it, he wept over it, on account of the misery and ruin they brought themselves into danger of by their sin. Although the sin by which especially they had made themselves thus miserable, was their vile treatment of him (for Jerusalem was a city that had been peculiarly injurious to him). And though Christ knew how cruelly he should

be treated in that city before that week was past, how he there should be set at nought, and with great malignity bound, falsely accused and condemned, reviled, spit upon, scourged, and crucified; yet all does not prevent his most affectionate tears of compassion towards them. "When he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst know, even thou (thou, as wicked as thou art, and as vile as thou hast been in thy treatment of me; even thou), the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes." (Compare Mat. 23:37, and Luke 13:34). One would have thought he would have been more concerned for himself than Jerusalem, who had such a dreadful cup to drink, and was to suffer such extreme things by the cruelty of Jerusalem that week. But he, as it were, forgets his own sorrow and death, and weeps over the misery of his cruel enemies." Jonathan Edwards

- Application:

We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.

1. How can this sermon impact what you pray for your church about?
2. How might this sermon impact what you pray for your pastors about?
3. Is there anything in your thinking that needs to change as a result of this sermon?
4. How might these truths cause you to praise Jesus?

- How Well Was I Listening Questions:

Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.

1. What passage did we talk about today?
2. What did Pastor Josh say about it?
3. What part did you think was important?
4. What does a pastor do?
5. Why is being a pastor such a great privilege?

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