

Small Group Study Guide, Week of November 9, 2025

1 Peter 5:1-5; "Dear Elders...", Pastor Tim Cho

Ice Breaker: What is one of the most unruly groups you've had to "shepherd"?

Dig:

1. Contrast the good and bad motives Peter gives for church leadership. What character qualities does he encourage elders to cultivate? Why would proper motivation and character be important in times of persecution?
2. In 1 Peter 1:1, Peter refers to himself as an "apostle" but in 5:1, he calls himself an "elder." Why do you think that might be? What reward(s) await elders?
3. How does Peter expect young men to treat elders? Why? Summarize the principles Peter teaches regarding how younger and older church people are to treat each other.

Apply:

4. Think of an official Elder or just someone in our church family who is older than you. How are you treating them? From this passage, what new step(s) is God calling you to take toward that person?
5. Think of someone in our church family who is younger than you. How are you treating them? From this passage, what new step(s) is God calling you to take toward that person?

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