



# THE THREAD

*weaving Sunday's message through the week*

**Date:** October 14, 2018

**Passage:** 1 Peter 5: 1-5

**Theme:** Caring for Christ's Flock

1. Church leadership must care for Christ's flock well (1–4).
  - a. Leadership is part of Christ's plan for his church (1).
  - b. Leadership primarily involves member care (2a).
  - c. Leadership that cares for church members must be characterized (2b–3)
    - i. by a willingness to follow God's design
    - ii. by an awareness to serve rather than receive
    - iii. by an example for others to follow
  - d. Leadership serves Christ to bring him glory (4).
2. Church members must submit to this leadership (5a).
3. Church community must act in humility towards one another (5b).

**Main Idea:** We must humbly submit to one another to glorify Christ as he shepherds his church according to his design.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How would you describe effective leadership in any aspect of life? How might that be similar to what we see here, and how might that differ?
- According to vv. 2–4, list and describe the characteristics of effective church leadership.
- How do we measure successful church leadership according to v.4? How might that differ from the way in which effective church leadership is measured according to typical church standards?
- What should submission to church leadership look like in your life (5)?
- How can we foster genuine humility at all levels within the church community?

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