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**Getting More from the Message – 1 Peter 5:1-4**

Community Group Questions – Week of March 6, 2016

**Getting Started**: Read this week’s passage out loud & pray the Holy Spirit will help you understand.

**Ice Breaker**: Do you believe most Americans are supportive or critical of our leaders? (Why?)

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1. Most scholars would say there is a leadership crisis in the church. What might be the reasons?

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1. Why must a leader have a compelling desire to sacrificially lead and serve the church? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Peter said (v2), “*Shepherd the flock of God which is among you.”* Should shepherds want to be with the sheep? If yes, why is it important that church leaders attend church weekly?

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1. What happens to us (our souls and hearts) when we only see ministry as an obligation?

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1. What is the role of the Word of God, prayer & the Holy Spirit in your joyfully fulfilling your ministry?

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1. Have you ever seen a church where the leaders were in it for the wrong reasons? How would you counsel someone who went to such a church? How would you explain this to unbelievers?

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1. Why do so many people who claim they are Christians fight against (or not take seriously) the structure and authority that the Lord has put in the church?

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1. Why is it important we pray for the leaders in our church? (Why should we pray for more leaders?)

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1. What are some of the things we can pray for our leaders? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How can we pray for you **specifically** in regards to this week’s Bible text and discussion?

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