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Lesson 24: Shepherd the Flock of God: 1 Peter 5:1-4

**To do:** <u>Look up</u> the related links mentioned in the notes. Jot down any thoughts or questions you have about these verses. Discuss each with your group, or reflect on them yourself.

I exhort the elders: Peter identifies with and encourages them as:

- Fellow elder
- Witness of the sufferings of Christ: Acts 1:22-24; 36; 1 Pet. 3:18
- Partaker in the glory to be revealed: 1 Pet. 4:13

**Shepherd the Flock:** exercising oversight: Ezek. 34:11-16; John 21:15-19

- Willingly: not under compulsion; Rom. 12:3-8
- **Eagerly:** not for shameful gain: 1 Thes. 2:9,10
- Serving as Examples: not domineering over flock: 1 Tim. 4:12

When the Chief Shepherd appears: Isa. 40:11; John 10:11-15; Heb. 13:20, 21; receive the crown of glory: 1 Thes. 2:19, 20

**Assignment:** Read Heb. 13:7, 17. Consider how you could support the elders in your church. Commit to encourage and pray for them.