

Who's in Charge?

1 Peter 5:1-5

We exalt the Chief Shepherd, Jesus, when:

1. Elders serve with JOY and HUMILITY.

(vv. 1-4)

- WILLINGLY, not under COMPULSION.
- EAGERLY, not for SHAMEFUL gain.
- As a good EXAMPLE without a DOMINEERING attitude.

2. We humbly SUBMIT to our leaders.

(v. 5a)

3. We are unified in our HUMILITY.

(v. 5b)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Who is the Senior Pastor & Chief Elder of THCF? John 10:11-15, John 21:15-17.
2. How is worldly leadership different than church leadership? Discuss similarities. Give examples of leadership you have witnessed inside and outside the church to support your answer.
3. Read 1 Peter 4:12-5:5. Discuss how suffering and the sufferings of Jesus give us an idea of how we are to respond to one another in the church? 1 Tim 1:16-17, John 21:15-17.
4. Read 1 Peter 5:1-4. Compare the terms elder, overseer and shepherd. How do you see this role(s) being lived out in the church? Acts 20:28-30, Heb. 13:20–21, 2 Cor. 2:14-17, 1 Tim. 3:1-7, 1 Tim. 5:17-20, Phil 2:19-22, Phil. 4:9, John 13:12-16.
5. Discuss the different types of church leadership models you have witnessed and how they compare with the early church.
6. Do you see leadership development as important at THCF as we “bring Glory to God by making maturing disciples of Jesus?”
7. How do see yourself involving yourself as a maturing disciple? What gifts do you have to encourage others to be maturing disciples?
8. Is it hard for you to submit to leadership sometimes? When is it ok to not submit to leaders? 1 Peter 5:5, Heb. 13:17
9. Discuss what it means to be “clothed in humility”. The Word says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” What does this mean and how do we grow in humility? 1 Cor. 1:26-31, Phil. 2:1-11