### RECAP

- Exiles temporary residents in a foreign land; expect to suffer as a byproduct of following
   Jesus
- Refiner's fire brings impurities to surface
- Test opportunity to see genuineness/quality of one's faith



## 1 Peter 5:1-5

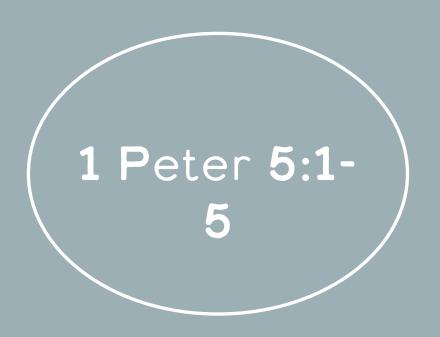
#### Watch Over

- Oversee take responsibility for care of another
- Shepherds create conditions for sheep to flourish
  - Good grass help others grow in
    Truth of the Bible
  - Fresh water help others grow in walking in the Holy Spirit
  - Protection from predators, pests, and poisonous weeds - expose lies/schemes of devil; warn against temptations/traps of the flesh and the world

# 1 Peter 5:1-5

### Shepherds of StoneBridge

- Pastors on staff 10
- Small group leaders 125
- APEST shepherds those gifted by God to pastor others; sometimes in formal roles, sometimes not
- 'Positional' shepherds those in roles where they are entrusted with watching over some of God's people
  - Parents entrusted with children
  - Managers entrusted with employees



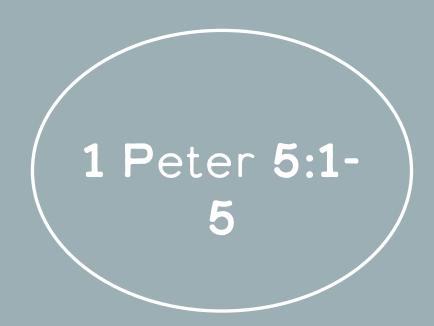
Jesus - Chief Shepherd; model for how a shepherd watches over others

- Willingly voluntarily; recognize privilege of shepherding some of God's people
- Eagerly enthusiastically; zealously focusing on meeting needs of others vs own needs (not greedily)
- Exemplarily following example of Jesus who washed feet of disciples vs domineering,

# 1 Peter 5:1-5

### Clothe yourself with humility-

- Clothe -image of the apron servant put on before going to work
- Philippians 2.3-4: in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others
- The Proud those who fail to acknowledge need for God; live independently of the Father
- The Humble those who recognize their need for God; live dependently on the Father (like children)



#### Communion

Father, please forgive my pride.

I confess that I live my life independently of **Y**ou in the following ways:

Father, please give me the grace to walk in humility:

- to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit;
- to look not to my own needs, but to the needs of others;
- to live in daily dependence upon You as a child to a father.