

TO GO

1. Consider a leader who you greatly admire. What about that person makes him or her particularly effective and endearing?
2. Read John 21:15-19. How do you suppose Peter's notion of leadership was marked by this specific encounter with the resurrected Jesus?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:1. What three marks of Christian leadership does Peter describe here? Why are these important for everyone who endeavors to fulfill a role in Christian leadership?
4. Read Ezekiel 34:11-12, Isaiah 53:6, and Psalm 23. How does God demonstrate leadership according to the exhortation in 1 Peter 5:2? Why the shepherd motif in particular?
5. Discuss the principles for Christian leadership in vv2-4 as indicated in the outline. How do these principles either reflect or contradict leadership principles from a worldly perspective? Why are they essential for the health of the church in exile?
6. Regardless of your position of leadership, how can you adopt these marks and exercise these principles in your sphere of influence? In what ways do you need to grow? In what ways are you already strong?