

Called to Serve
(I Peter 5:1-7)

I. Introduction: The Commitment

A. The **supremacy** of Leadership

- Acts 14:21-23
- Titus 1:5

B. The **Source** of Leadership

- Romans 12:8
- James 1:17

II. Exposition: The Calling and Characteristics (1 Peter 5:1-7)

A. The relationship (v. 1)

1. The key **duty** of leadership: **Serving**
 - a. Serving alongside of **others**
 - b. Serving alongside of **God**

2. The key **danger** of leadership: **Pride**

B. The responsibility (vv. 2-3)

1. The **commands**
 - a. **Shepherding** the flock
 - b. **Shouldering** oversight
2. The **course**
 - a. **Cheerfully: NOT** under compulsion **BUT** voluntarily
 - b. **Charitably: NOT** for sordid gain **BUT** with eagerness
 - c. **Cordially: NOT** lording it over others **BUT** proving to be examples

C. The reward (vv. 4-6)

1. In the **future** life
2. In the **present** life

D. The refuge (v. 7)

III. Conclusion: Charge (Acts 20:17-36)

- The Charge to Mark Crory, Mike Domingue, and George Slyman
- The Prayer for Mark Crory, Mike Domingue, and George Slyman
- The Charge to the body of Jaffrey Bible Church
- The Prayer for the body of Jaffrey Bible Church

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. Why is leadership so important in the church and in the home?
3. Why is humility so important in the Christian life and why must we always stay on guard against pride?
4. Think through the responsibilities of elders presented and discuss how these can be used in the church and in the home as well?
5. What rewards come for faithful service in this life and then in the life to come?
6. Why must God be our sole refuge in this life as well as in the life to come? How has God been your refuge and resting place?
7. What hit you from the charge and prayer that were presented to our newest elders: George, Mark and Mike, and the ones presented to the church?
8. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)