

Notes

Questions for Further Application:

1. Have you ever considered being a pastor or teacher? Why or why not?
  
2. Though you may not be called to serve as a pastor or teacher, what can you do to support the greater ministry of God's kingdom, whether here at Bethany, or in other places? If you struggle with answers to this, where do you think you might find answers to that question?
  
3. We refer to pastors, teachers, and many other positions of leadership in the church as "called workers," referring to the fact that God is the one who calls to these positions. Why do you think it's important that ministry should be carried out in a way that everyone sees Christ first and foremost, and not the pastor or teacher alone?

### **1 Peter 5:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.