



**Connection Group Participant Guide
February 28, 2021**

1 Peter 5:1-7

Memory Verse

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. – 1 Peter 5:5b

Key Principles

The commands Peter sets down by the use of four imperatives indicates the structure and argument of our text:

- (1) Elders, take charge! (verses 1-4 [**“shepherd the flock,”** verse 2]).
- (2) Younger men, follow! (verse 5a [**“be subject,”** verse 5a])
- (3) All, humble yourselves! (verses 5b-7 [**“cloth yourselves with humility,”** “Humble yourselves”]).

Highlight

To whom do the sheep belong? What value is placed on the flock? (5:2, cf. Acts 20:28)

Explain

What would be some of the implications if Christian leaders viewed their congregations as “theirs” not God’s?

Apply

There is a principle that is woven throughout the New Testament that God exalts the humble. Read Matthew 23:12; James 4:10. Is this one of your goals as a Christian?

Respond in Prayer

- Adoration: Give God praise for the things that you see in this passage.
- Confession: Talk with God about your real need to for humility.
- Thanksgiving: Thank God that He Himself is your model for humble service and sacrifice.
- Supplication: Ask God to guard over your pastors and the congregation at First Southern.