

**V10** is a great summary of the message of this whole letter. Take some time to look back over the book of 1 Peter and reflect on what you have learnt.  
How have you been challenged or encouraged?  
How will this change your life (your thinking, hopes, behaviour)?



**Pray** for each other, and for our suffering Christian family all over the world.

### Memory verse

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.” **1 Peter 5:10**

### Talk outline

#### Introduction

#### 1. Peter

#### 2. Church Leaders

2a. Reluctance → Willingness

2b. Personal Gain → Eager Service

2c. Dominating → Being an Example

#### 3. Church Members

#### 4. The Crown of Glory



# Belonging to God's flock

## 1 Peter 5:1-14

## The letter so far...

We have reached the end of 1 Peter! The apostle Peter wrote this letter to Christians scattered throughout Asia Minor in the mid-60s AD, addressing them as “elect exiles” (1:1) – chosen by God but foreigners in the world. We’ve learnt that as Christians, we can look forward to our heavenly inheritance with certainty, because of Jesus’ resurrection. Being a Christian means being part of a loving family, growing through God’s word and making God known to others. Christians are to follow the example of Jesus in how we live and relate to the world around us. We should be willing to suffer for Christ because this reminds us that one day we’ll share Christ’s glory.

## Icebreaker

How would you define “humility”?

### Read 1 Peter 5:1-14.

Are there any difficult words here?

## Living in God’s flock (5:1-7)

How does Peter describe himself (v1)?

What are shepherds supposed to do?

How is this like the role of leaders in the church?



**v2-3.** Peter gives three sets of contrasting instructions for how **Christian leaders** are to behave:

Not...	but...
Not...	but...
Not...	but...

**v4.** Who is the Chief Shepherd?

How is the “leadership style” of Christian elders like that of Jesus himself?

How is this different to the world’s concepts of leadership?

What attitude should **church members** have to leaders, to each other, and to God?

Why do you think this is so important?

How do verses **1-6** apply to you?

*In this chapter, Peter gives three **future-focused motivations** for his instructions. What are they?*

**v4**

**v6**

**v10**

What special relationship do Christians have with God the Father (**v7**)?

What are you anxious about at the moment?  
What does it mean for you to cast this on the Lord?

## Standing firm (5:8-14)

**v8-9.** How does Peter describe the devil?  
How can we resist him?

Why is it helpful to know that our Christian family all over the world is going through the same kind of sufferings?