

Pastors

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Review

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Key Scriptures: 1 Peter 5:2–4; Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28–29; John 10:11–15

Discuss

1. Before Pastor Robert's message, what did you think a pastor was? Has your perspective changed after hearing his message?
2. Why do you think we need pastors?
3. Why does the Bible sometimes translate the word *pastor* into shepherd?
4. What does it mean to steward people?
5. How do pastors care for people's souls?
6. How would you describe a bad pastor?
7. Read Jeremiah 3:15. How does a pastor act as a shepherd?
8. What are some ways a senior pastor sets and protects the vision and values of the church?
9. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Good pastors gather and protect people.
- Bad pastors scatter and hurt people.
- God wants good pastors to care for His Church and His vision.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gifts of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Thank You for the gift of pastors. You gave us pastors to love us, care for us, and feed us. Please heal every person who has been abused and hurt by bad pastors. Heal our hearts, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader Tip

As a group leader, you can show authenticity by letting your members know they have the freedom to be who God has called them to be. Focus on creating an environment where everyone feels free to be themselves.

Group Dynamics Idea

Pastor Robert shared a story about someone who was spiritually abused by a pastor and many can relate to this experience. Allow time for group members to share about any experiences that were hurtful and then spend time in prayer. God wants to heal and comfort every broken heart and wounded place.