

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of June 13-14, 2026

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### Shepherding God's People

(I Peter 5:1-4)

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### Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Peter 5:1-4.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Where are you currently serving as a shepherd – even if you might not have used the word “shepherd” in the past to describe your role in that environment?

Who are some of the key shepherds who are helping guide you?

Within this text, Peter describes a healthy shepherd.

First, they have a Shepherd's Identity. (5:1)

Peter describes himself as a “fellow elder” – sharing the responsibility of shepherding with those around him.

How do you feel about wearing the title of shepherd?

What excites you about this?

What reservations, if any, do you have about accepting this role?

How fully have you embraced this title up to present?

Second, they take on a Shepherd's Responsibility. (5:2)

Read together Psalm 23.

Pastor Alan described how the role of a shepherd is relational and intimate – making it necessary for many to engage in shepherding to care for the church well.

In what ways are you currently helping lead, feed, and care for God's flock?

Who are you currently taking intentional steps to shepherd?

Who could you be more intentional in shepherding?

Third, they have a Shepherd's Heart. (5:2-3)

Peter warns his listeners to be aware of three heart dangers.

First danger – serving out of obligation instead of willingness

Second danger – using people instead of loving people

Third danger – controlling people rather than being an example of Christ to them

How, if at all, have any of these dangers impacted your heart?

How do you protect yourself against these potential tendencies?

Fourth, they enjoy a Shepherd's Reward. (5:4)

When has shepherding someone been challenging for you?

In what ways have you experienced reward during this challenge?

How do you endure in shepherding even when you do not feel the reward?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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