# HOPE and HOLINESS

in a hostile world

STUDIES IN 1 PETER

### We All Need Shepherding

1 Peter 5:1-4



### The NT describes Jesus as ...

- A. The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
- B. The Great Shepherd (Heb. 13:20)
- C. The Chief Shepherd (1 Pet. 5:4)

Jer. 3:15

"And I will give you <u>pastors</u> according to mine heart, which shall <u>feed</u> you with knowledge and understanding."



- 1. Sheep need shepherding ...
  - A. Because they're prone to wander
  - B. Because they're looking for someone (or something) to follow
  - C. Because they're vulnerable to predators





- 1. Sheep need shepherding—we all need shepherding.
- 2. We need to know the Good Shepherd.
- 3. We need the care and leadership of a good undershepherd.

## The NT uses three different terms when referring to pastors ...

- A. Elder [presbuteros] -> character
- B. <u>Bishop</u> [episcopos] → leadership
- C. Pastor [poimen] → shepherding

#### **Titus 1:5-7**

"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; ..."

### Acts 20:17 & 28

"And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. ... 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed [to shepherd] the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

### **Principles for Pastoring**

- A. Care for God's flock.
- B. Take the oversight.
  - -- Not as a job, but as a privilege
  - -- Not for money, but from the heart
- C. Be an example.