



One 2021: wk 7 Look Out & Look Up!

Introduction: One of the common insults of our day is to call someone a sheep. It's interesting that word is one of the most common used by God to describe his relationship with people; only God doesn't use it as an insult. Sheep need a shepherd because they don't have many defenses. As Peter wraps up his letter he calls on us to shepherd one another by looking out for each other and looking up to our living hope.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you had any experience with sheep? What are common things that most people think of when they think of sheep? What message is God conveying by calling us the sheep of His pasture?
2. Read **Ezekiel 34:2-4, & 16** In this passage, who is God unhappy with? What is He going to do about it? When Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, can you see the connection to Ezekiel 34?
3. **Read 1 Peter 5:1-4** What should shepherds of God's flock do? How do the cautions from Peter match what we read in Ezekiel 34? What's the difference between "lording over" and being an "example" as an elder?
4. **Read 1 Peter 5:8-9** Who is our enemy? What is the danger in making unbelievers the enemy? How do you resist the attacks of satan? How does thinking about Christians all over the world and their suffering help us endure our own?
5. **Read 1 Peter 5:7** What does casting our anxiety on Him look like? If God says he cares, yet your circumstances don't change in the short-term; how do you know he cares in the long-term?
6. How are some practical ways that we can look out for each other? Have you experienced someone looking out for you, tell us about it?

Shaping Your Mind –*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 4:10*

Moving Forward – May we look out for each other while looking up for our hope!