**BE SHEPHERDS OF GOD’S FLOCK**

1 Peter 4:12-5:14

Key Verses 4:13

**“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”**

1. Read verses 4:12-19. Why does Peter encourage believers to participate in the sufferings of Christ joyfully? (12-13) What are the blessings or benefits of suffering for God? (14-16) Why should we commit ourselves to our faithful Creator all the more, and continue to do good? (17-19)

2. Read verses 5:1-4. On what basis did Peter appeal to the elders? (1) What does it mean to be a shepherd of God’s flock? (2, 3) What is a shepherds’ reward when the Chief Shepherd appears? (4)

3. Read verses 5:5-14. What exhortation did Peter give to young people and why? (5-7) What warning did Peter give in regard to the devil? (8, 9) What will God do for suffering believers? (10, 11) What was Peter’s final greeting? (12-14)