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Resounding Hope: Shepherding

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1. _____ the Sheep
1 Peter 5:1-5a
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. As an _____

2. Wrap Up With _____
1 Peter 5:5b-7
 - a. No Christian is _____!
 - b. Putting Others _____
Philippians 2:3-4
 - c. _____ on Him
Psalms 54:23

3. _____!
1 Peter 5:8-11
 - a. Be _____ - _____
 - b. _____
 - c. The _____ is _____

Deep Dive

Use the following questions this week with family, friends, co-workers, or neighbors to go deeper into what you learned today.

1. In 1 Peter 5:1-3, we are given three key leadership characteristics of Elders in the church. How do these compare or contrast to leadership characteristics of our public leaders?
2. Peter connects humility with not being anxious or having worry. How can he make this connection?
3. If the devil is a roaring lion, what is he attempting to do in our lives? How does this impact our ability to live a life of Biblical humility? Read James 4:7.
4. Based on 1 Peter, we conclude that suffering is part of Christian living. Is that something we should fear? What is Jesus' role in our suffering? Read Luke 22:31-34, Acts 14:22, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9.

The Springboard

Family Worship is a great time to jump into next week's sermon. Use these questions as a guide.

1. People have a variety of reactions to uncomfortable and awkward situations. Some try to escape. Others clam up and shut down. Some people laugh. Which do you do? Why do you think laughter is such a common response to awkward situations?
2. Read Genesis 21:1-7. Sarah and Abraham have waited a long time for a child, and now God has answered their prayer. What does this passage reveal about God and His character?
3. What is the hardest part about waiting for God to answer a prayer? How do verses like Philippians 4:6 help during that waiting period?
4. The season of advent forces us to do something that most of us are not good at: waiting. In what ways have you seen God's blessing through seasons of waiting in your life?