PASTORING/ SHEPHERDING

The God-given ability to serve and strengthen the body of Christ by taking spiritual responsibility for a group of believers and equipping them to live Christ-centered lives.

CHARACTERISTICS:

- They enjoy helping others to grow in their faith.
- They have compassion for those who are getting off track and there is a longing to bring them back.
- They enjoy nurturing and caring for a group of people over a period of time.
- They love long-term, in-depth relationships that are grounded in faith.
- They are a natural leader for a small group.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES:

- Paul in any of his letters to believers/churches.

CAUTION

- Be an encourager.
- Do not dictate a Christ-centered life.

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