



## **Week 8: I Peter 3:1-7**

### **LOOK BACK**

1. Take some time and share a highlight and a challenge from last week.

### **LOOK UP**

Read the passage noted above.

Where did difficulty in marriage originate? How does knowing the origins shed light on Peter's teaching?

Ask the ladies present if being "subject to your own husbands" is a tough teaching. Why?

What does it mean to be "subject"?

What is the purpose of this submission?

In light of the fact that the point of submission is to first honor God's rule and second for the purpose of evangelism, how does this inform our idea of submission?

How does this teaching run counter-cultural?

Read vs. 3-4 and I Samuel 16:7

Peter's emphasis here is not prohibiting outward adornment as much as encouraging what is to be most valued. Knowing that materialistic values and self-promotion are prevalent in the modern church how should we as Christ-followers live?

Read vs. 5-6

Sarah is put forth as an example of a Godly wife. Was Sarah perfect in her submission to either Abraham or God? I believe what Peter is communicating is that what is to be valued in a Christian woman is devotion to God and development of Godly character.

Why do you think Peter mentions giving way to fear? What would be the reasons for fear in the context of Peter's instructions?

Comment on the following: "Submissive trust in the living God will keep you from undue apprehension."

Read v.7

Peter says husbands are to “likewise” develop devotion to God and Godly character in order to further the spiritual development of the home. Are you as husbands committed to this?

How are we as men to understand Peter’s words “...understanding way...”? How could not understanding your wife harm the spiritual growth of the home?

When Peter addresses the women as “weaker vessels” what does he mean? (Hint: it cannot mean morally, spiritually, or intellectually since he refers to all women.) How does recognizing this “weakness” honor the woman?

How does the lack of appropriate conduct for Christian men with their wives hinder their prayers?

**LOOK FORWARD**

1. What from this passage changes the way you see the upcoming week?
2. How can the group be praying for you this week?