

DISCUSSION GOAL



To discuss what it looks like to mutually honor one another as husbands and wives.

ICE BREAKER

What is one of the most memorable weddings you've ever attended?

TEXT

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Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

1 Peter 3:1-7

¹Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct. ³ Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴ but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

MESSAGE OUTLINE

This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Spouses are called to mutually honor one another. **Key Question:** How do wives and husbands show honor to one another?

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 - 1. Wives, follow your husband with respect. (vv.1-6)
 - 2. Husbands, lead your wife with love. (v.7)

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DISCUSSION



- This week's passage outlines how husbands and wives are to mutually honor one another. When you hear the word "honor" what first comes to mind?
- Wives specifically are called upon to honor their own husbands by submitting to them (v.5). Why would you say it can be difficult for wives to submit to their husbands? How does submission to God play a significant role within marriage?
- If a wife has an unbelieving husband, Peter directs the wife to win her husband to the Lord without a word by her godly conduct. When was a time you saw someone (or experienced yourself) being changed because of the godly character and actions of Christ-follower?
- In v. 7, Peter says to husbands, "live with your wives in an understanding way." The understanding is an understanding of God's will for marriage. Growing up, what did you think about marriage? What did you learn from your parents about what marriage is supposed to be? How has God's Word corrected you?
- Peter directs husbands to honor their wives "as the weaker vessel." Scholars believe "weaker vessel" here refers to the physical differences of size and strength between men and women and perhaps the cultural value of the time. With that definition in mind, how does it change the way you read Paul's command? Read Romans 15:1-3. How does the gospel effect how we value the weak?

LIFE APPLICATION

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God calls husbands and wives to mutually honor one another. As a group share some example couples who you've seen live this out. If you're married come up with some practical ways in which you can show your spouse honor this week. If you're not married, practice living this out by identifying a way you can honor God with your life this week.

Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS



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