

LIVING AS A SOJOURNER

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**1 Peter: Wives**

**Text: 1 Peter 3:1-6**

Read together as a group the text we looked at Sunday. 1 Peter 3:1-6

The new 2 weeks are very important because we are going to talk about marriage and the role of wives and husbands. As a group leader leverage this time to help your group take steps toward health in their marriage or the future marriage they may encounter. This first week we will follow the text and process what Peter says about wives.

**Starting with the women in the group, how did you feel about the message today and about this passage of scripture? After the ladies share allow the men to share how they responded to the message?**

When Peter writes these words He is targeting marriage. Peter is not calling us to submit blindly to their husbands or calling them to submit to men outside of marriage. Jesus reshaped our view of worth making it clear that men and women are equal and have equal value.

**How does this help us live out our calling in our marriage relationship?**

**Why do people take this text out of context? How have you seen this text abused?**

Men and women are created equally but God gave them different callings and giftings inside of marriage. Genesis 2 reminds us God created women to be a helper to her husband.

**Why is that calling hard to embrace at times?**

**What are some strengths that women bring into a marriage?**

When we process the culture this was written in we discover that Peter is protecting marriage by addressing the role women carry in marriage. Peter invites women to allow and empower their husbands to lead.

**Practically why is this hard for most women?**

**When men are allowed to lead what does that do for the husband?**

A wife is strongest when she is fully surrendered to her role in marriage. Peter is reminding us that women have powerful influence when they honor and support their husbands. The conduct and character of a wife helps a husband be who they are called to be.

**What are some simple steps of action that women can take in the marriage to support their husband?**

**What are some steps of charactering building that wives can take to develop inner beauty?**

How does our own sin and our spouses sin keep us from living out the goal of mutual submission in marriage?