

1 In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over 2 by observing your pure and reverent lives.

3 Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. 4 You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God. 5 This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They put their trust in God and accepted the authority of their husbands. 6 For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do.

7 In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

— 1 Peter 3:1-7

Discussion/Journal Questions

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7. If you could ask Peter one question about this passage, what would it be?

Do you struggle with the way marriage roles are depicted in scripture? Why or why not?

Read 1 Peter 2:22-25. How does this passage about Jesus relate to the passage about husbands and wives?

In verses 3 and 4, Peter challenges us to consider inner beauty of a godly character more important than outer beauty. How does our culture push against this idea?

In verse 7, what does Peter call the husband to do? What does that look like practically?

Read Mark 10:41-45. What does authority look like in the Kingdom of God?

What does it look like for a husband or wife to live the character of Jesus in their marriage?
What does it look like for a mom or dad to live the character of Jesus in their parenting?

How can your group pray for you this week?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?