

**A LIVING HOPE**  
**1 PETER SERMON SERIES**

**SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 3:1-7** // <sup>1</sup> Likewise, 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, <sup>2</sup> when they see your respectful and pure conduct. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. <sup>7</sup> 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.

**Bearing Witness to Christ**  
**1 Peter 3:1-7**

How do you bear witness to Christ in relationships?

I. When you have less power

A. Submission born out of strength (v. 1-4)

B. Submission born out of trust (v. 5-6)

II. When you have more power

A. Knowing the other (v. 7a)

B. Honoring the other (v. 7b)

**APPLICATION GUIDE**

1. How does this passage challenge your view of submission? How does it shape your understanding of a gentle (or meek) spirit?
2. Husbands and wives, how are you bearing witness to Christ in your marriage? Husbands, how do you feel respected by your wives? Wives, how do you feel honored by your husbands?
3. What opportunities do you have to bear witness to Christ in your relationships? How does this passage challenge your conduct in those relationships?

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

## What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

## How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs. Typically, our groups take time off during the months of June and July. If you are interested in joining a group, fill out our online connect card ([www.christchurcheast.org/connectwithus](http://www.christchurcheast.org/connectwithus)).

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // JULY 20 - 26

Day	Date	Read
Mon	7/20/20	1 Timothy 3:1-13, Psalm 97
Tues	7/21/20	1 Timothy 3:14-4:16, Psalm 98
Wed	7/22/20	1 Timothy 5:1-6:2b, Psalm 99
Thurs	7/23/20	1 Timothy 6:2c-21, Psalm 100
Fri	7/24/20	2 Timothy 1:1-2:13, Psalm 101
Sat	7/25/20	2 Timothy 2:14-3:9, Psalm 102
Sun	7/26/20	2 Timothy 3:10-4:22, Psalm 103