

## A Greater Marriage 1 Peter 3:1-7

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Questions for Study and Group Discussion

\*\* Before you begin, please read 1 Peter 3:1-7

- 1. Icebreaker: When you think of a healthy marriage what words, phrases, or examples come to mind?
- 2. Is marriage easy for you to talk about or hard/difficult to discuss? Why?
- 3. Why do you think God cares about marriage?
- 4. Review what you've learned about the context of 1 Peter and who he's writing to. What realities about the situation of Peter's recipients might have added stress or difficulty to married life?
- 5. How does knowing the hard situation some of these marriages were in affect the way you read these verses?
- 6. What does Peter say to wives? How do these verses provide both dignity and direction? Take some time to discuss any other questions or big take-aways you have from verses 1-6.
- 7. What does Peter say to husbands? What "code" does Peter tell husbands to live by? What caution does he tell husbands to heed? Take some time to discuss any other questions or big take-aways you have from verse 7.
- 8. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. How is what Paul says in Ephesians 5 similar to what Peter says? What fresh points does Paul bring up that Peter doesn't?
- 9. Why is it important to value marriage as a church family and live in line with God's design for marriage?
- 10. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? Why did this stand out to you the way it did?
- 11. What is one practical way you can apply a truth from this passage this week?
- 12. What other questions do you have about this passage that haven't yet come up and that you'd like to discuss?
- 13. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?