



GROUP GUIDE – The BOOK - Week 5

A STUDY THROUGH 1 PETER

ARRIVAL / CONNECTING and SNACK: (15 minutes) Spend time catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER: (2 minutes)

SCRIPTURE and DISCUSSION: (50-60 minutes) [*Note from pastor: Leaders, I suggest you add 10 minutes to your group discussion time this week. I believe you will get more out of it.*]

Open your Bibles and read **1 Peter 3:1-7 and Ephesians 5:25-33 together**. With each Scripture passage, have a different person read slowly enough for everyone to enjoy, reflect quietly for a moment, then discuss the questions.

1 Peter 3:1

- What is the end goal of a wife subjecting herself to her husband? In what way does her submission “win” him to the gospel?
- In your own words, define “submission”.
- Is it only the unbelieving husband who benefits from this kind of living? How does a wife’s submission help the believing husband?

1 Peter 3:2-4

- How does it look for a wife to subject herself to her husband? What are some practical ways a wife can live out the gospel for her husband?

1 Peter 3:6

- For a wife, why might it seem scary to “submit”?

1 Peter 3:7

- What does it mean for a husband to live with his wife “in an understanding way”?
- What does it look like for a husband to show honor to his wife? Give practical examples.
- How does the way a husband treat his wife affect his prayer life? Why would God take the marital relationship into account as He works through prayer?

SURRENDER: (15 minutes)

Ephesians 5:32-33

- How can you display the power of the gospel this week in your home and in our culture through your relationships?
- If you are married, how can you submit (arrange yourself underneath someone for their success) this week to help your spouse win at work, at home, with friends, etc.?

PRAYER: (10 min) Pray for one another in light of what has been shared.