

# THE LITTLE LETTERS

## GROUP FOCUS QUESTIONS

Week of: May 30-June 5, 2021

Text: 1 Peter 3

## GETTING STARTED:

Are you old enough to remember the terms "women's liberation" and/or "male chauvinist pig"? If so, what do those terms bring to mind?

## DIGGING IN:

1. Read 1 Peter 3:1-8. If this is not the first time you've ever read this passage, just imagine that it is for a moment. What do you hear Peter telling the people in the church to do, and how to act? How would his words make you feel if you were there in that place and time?
2. How does our culture today affect how we view these verses? What can we learn from examining our presuppositions about the roles men and women are to take on in a marriage relationship?
3. Peter describes the influence a Christian wife might have on her unbelieving husband. Does this alter your perspective on the passage as a whole?

## DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Rebecca McLaughlin wrote this about the Gospel: "If the message of Jesus is true, no one comes to the table with rights. The only way to enter is flat on your face." Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
2. Can you recall a time when someone set aside their "wants" in order to better take care of your "needs"? What difference did their unselfish example make in your life?
3. The recurring theme in 1 Peter 3 is that of self-sacrifice for the sake of others, which was especially relevant to a church facing growing persecution. How was this self-sacrifice clearly demonstrated in the life of Christ? In what ways is Christian baptism a fitting re-enactment of, and an identification with, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?

## PRAYER SUGGESTION:

Re-read 1 Peter 3:13-16. Pray that we (together as a church) would "sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts" so that we would be "prepared to give an answer" to a lost world searching for reasons to hope.