

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is submission such a difficult area of discussion in marriages today?
2. How would you explain biblical submission to someone as different than the world's definition?
3. How does choosing submission encourage the faith of a spouse?
4. Why is it important for a wife to emphasize inner beauty?
5. How do husbands miss the mark in "living" with their wives?
6. How can husbands make understanding their wives a life-long mission?
7. What are some practical ways husbands can make their wives, next to Christ, their top priority?

Answers to fill in the blanks:
THREE INSTRUCTIONS FOR WIVES
1. CHOOSE A. WITHIN B. BELIEVING C. UNBELIEVING
2. BEAUTY A. KOSMOS B. EMPHASIZE
3. SARAH A. ACTIONS B. WORDS C. NEVER
THREE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HUSBANDS
1. LIVE A. CLOSE RELATIONSHIP B. SUBSTITUTE
2. KNOW A. APPRECIATION B. BULL IN A CHINA SHOP
3. HONOR A. TOP B. NOT C. MARRIED

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SERMON NOTES

HOPE FOR THE HOME FIRST PETER 3:1-7

MAIN IDEA: CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO MAKE THEIR HOPE IN CHRIST THE CENTER OF THEIR HOME BY CHOOSING TO LIVE OUT CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF SUBMISSION.

Question: How do we as believers make Christ the center of our home when the world around us doesn't?

THREE INSTRUCTIONS FOR WIVES

1. WIVES – _____ SUBMISSION 3:1-2

1 Peter 3:1–2 (CSB)

¹ In the same way, wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, even if some disobey the word, they may be won over without a word by the way their wives live ² when they observe your pure, reverent lives.

- A. Biblical submission comes from _____ a person as an act of faith.
- B. For the _____ husband, this is an encouragement to follow God's Word in *his* life.
- C. For the _____ husband, this is a means to win them to Christ by the faith of his wife.

Paul wrote -

Ephesians 5:21–23 (CSB)

²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of Christ. ²² Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord, ²³ because the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body.

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2. WIVES – SHOW INNER _____ 3:3-4

1 Peter 3:3–4 (CSB)

³ Don't let your beauty consist of outward things like elaborate hairstyles and wearing gold jewelry or fine clothes, ⁴ but rather what is inside the heart—the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

- A. The word for “beauty” is _____, where we get the word *cosmetics*. It means a harmonious arrangement or order.
- B. Those who choose to _____ the external appearance while ignoring character have chosen the wrong priority.

3. WIVES – BE A _____ 3:5-6

1 Peter 3:5–6 (CSB)

⁵ For in the past, the holy women who put their hope in God also adorned themselves in this way, submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You have become her children when you do what is good and do not fear any intimidation.

- A. She honored Abraham in her _____ and in her _____.
- B. Biblical submission _____ involves intimidation.

THREE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HUSBANDS

1. HUSBANDS – _____ WITH YOUR WIFE 3:7a

1 Peter 3:7 (CSB)

⁷ Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives...

- A. It means more than putting up with or surviving, it means dwelling together in _____—physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.
- B. Husbands too easily _____ making a good living and providing physical needs for sharing their time, their words, and their feelings.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

2. HUSBANDS – _____ YOUR WIFE 3:7b

1 Peter 3:7 (CSB)

⁷ Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker partner,...

- A. Peter means a deep _____ of one's wife. It includes perceiving her desires, personal needs, concerns, and worries.
- B. He is not to be a _____ but is to treat his wife with gentleness and care.

3. HUSBANDS – _____ YOUR WIFE 3:7c

1 Peter 3:7 (CSB)

⁷ Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker partner, showing them honor as coheirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

- A. A man's wife should be, after Christ, his _____ priority, occupying this place not only in his heart and mind but also in his schedule, with his words, and through his actions.
- B. She deserves honor because she is _____ inferior, in the spiritual realm, they are unquestionably equal.
- C. When a husband and wife don't keep their _____ life on track, they'll have trouble keeping their spiritual life on track.

Self Questions:

- *Is my spouse at the top of my prayer list?*
- *Do I put my spouse first in my planning?*
- *Do I look for ways to honor my spouse?*
- *Do I make their life easier or more difficult?*
- *What is one thing **I** need to change in how I treat my spouse?*