

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon Series: *Steady Sojourners*

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:1-7

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: God redeems us to Reflect Holiness in Marriage

In our passage, Peter desires to encourage and equip men and women in marriage to live God-honoring and holy lives together. Marriage is a wonderful, ordained institution here on earth. Not only is marriage ordained by God, but God uses it as a primary means of sanctification in the lives of married couples. Peter's teaching here flies in the face of our current culture's beliefs and norms. As believers, we can't forget what God says about marriage, and we can't rip these verses out of our Bible. Women are encouraged to live holy lives and to see their actions as witnessing opportunities if they happen to be married to an unbeliever. They will also be challenged to consider where true beauty comes from and focus on those things. Husbands are challenged to lead well, to know their wife, and to keep spiritual growth the focus of their home.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In our passage, Peter addresses husbands and wives. If someone is not married, do these verses become irrelevant and of no benefit to study? Why or why not?

READ 1 Peter 3:1-6

1. What is Peter's main, overarching desire for wives?
 - a. What reasons does he give to support it?
 - i. Are there any exception clauses, or "but what about...?"
 - b. What about this teaching seems difficult or impossible (in your own strength)?
 - c. How is such living possible?
2. How does Peter's teaching about wives relate to the curse of Genesis 3:16? (*desire* = control, master, cf Gen 4:7)
 - a. What makes that significant?
3. What does Peter teach concerning 'adorning' that is attractive?
 - a. For everyone - how would your life change if you spent just as much time focusing on your 'internal adornment' as you do your 'external adornment'?
4. What is one thing this passage prompts you to do this week?

READ 1 Peter 3:1-6

5. What is Peter's desire for husbands?
 - a. What reasons does he give to support it? Are there any exception clauses?
 - b. What about this teaching seems difficult or impossible (in your own strength)?
 - c. How is such living possible?
6. How does Peter's teaching to husbands relate to the curse of Genesis 3:16?
 - a. What makes that significant?
7. What is one thing this passage prompts you to do this week?