**The Radical Priorities of God-Besotted Spouses**

**(1 Peter 3:1-7)**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Review the four instances in which Peter calls for Christians to “be subject” (cf. 2:13, 18; 3:1; 5:5). What does Peter aim for them to do? How does this theme of “being subject” fit with the overall movement of Peter’s letter?

2. To whom does Peter instruct wives to be subject (3:1)? What is the (ultimate) goal of this submission? What does it mean for someone to be “won”?

3. Review today’s passage and note the way(s) that indicate Peter’s primary concern is for God’s glory in marriage. In other words, what does Peter say that points the reader beyond their immediate circumstances and to God and his honor?

4. Read and compare Peter’s words in verses 3-4 with Paul’s instructions in 1 Timothy 2:8-10. What is similar about their instructions? Are Peter and Paul calling for women to abstain from wearing nice clothes or grooming themselves? Why or why not?

5. What historical figure does Peter use as an example for Christian wives to follow? Why? What does Genesis 18:1-15 reveal about this woman’s example of faith and hope in God? How would she have been tempted to “fear [what was] frightening?

6. In your own words, describe what Peter calls Christian husbands to do (and not do) in verse 7. In light of the creation account in Genesis chapter 2, what does Peter mean when he uses the phrase “weaker vessel”? How might this verbiage be misused or misunderstood?

7. What warning does Peter give to Christian husbands at the end of verse 7? How might Peter’s words later in chapter 3 (vv. 10-12) offer further support and explanation? Explain the practical connection between a husband’s love and delight in God and his relationship to his wife.

8. How does today’s passage highlight the way(s) that being an “elect exile” (i.e., someone called and redeemed by God through the blood of Jesus Christ) radically alters the priorities of Christian spouses? In your own words, explain how loving Christ supremely enables us to love our spouses sacrificially. Does 1 Peter 2:21-25 help us in this? If so, how? How does Peter’s view of marriage differ from the culture of today (i.e., media, music, movies, etc.)? How can might a God-besotted spouse (or spouses together) provide a platform for the gospel for a watching culture?