



At Home with Submission

1 Peter 3:1-7

Week of March 24, 2019

Objective of this study: To understand what submission in the home means in our cultural context.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

Welcome (5 minutes)

What is your favourite marriage depicted in movies or TV shows?

Worship (5 – 10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for how he wants to speak to you.
3. After the five minutes have someone interrupt the silence and read **Psalm 145:8-13** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word/Work (60-90 minutes)

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:1-7.

Remember, Peter was writing to believers who were experiencing a lot of persecution for their faith. He wrote to encourage them and give them guidance on how to live in their difficult situation, in a society that was against them. He wrote to point his readers to Jesus, and to help them point their unbelieving neighbors, bosses, spouses, etc. to Jesus.

3. What do you remember about the context of the original readers of Peter's letter?

Remember they were living as foreigners, under duress. They needed some guidance on how to do that well. and some reminders about what to 'frontload' in order to point people to Jesus, instead of just feeling lost and frustrated in their confusing circumstances.

4. If we're not reading the New Testament as a second law, why does our behaviour matter?
 - a) See 1 Peter 2:5, 9, 11-12, 13-15; 3:1-2, 7, 15-16; Colossians 3:17.
 - b) See 1 Peter 1:22; 2:1, 5 3:8; 4:8; Colossians 3:12.

5. Considering the pressure the Roman culture put on women to look great, what would Peter's words in 1 Peter 3:3-4 have meant to them?

6. In a culture like theirs, how would Peter's words in verse 7 have probably surprised them or expanded their idea of marriage?

7. What is our current cultural context like? How is it different than the one Peter was writing to?

8. In light of that, how can we impact our society for good? How can we reflect Jesus? How can we have healthy relationships, like we were created for? What sort of marriage would have a positive impact on society, or the community around you?

9. Think of happy, loving marriages that you know. What are some features of them? What effect do they have on people around them?

Prayer

1. Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Praise God together for how he works, and how he allows us to partner with him to accomplish things in his kingdom.**

2. Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.

B. Pastor Jeff and Ruthie as they continue to recover from exhaustion.

B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus

C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.

D. **Our missionary of the week:** Ngorika Children's Home. (Check out the church website for how to pray for them.)

E. **Local CR church:** Black Creek Community Church.

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