

1 PETER



PETER 1:7

THESE HAVE COME SO THAT THE PROVEN GENUINENESS
OF YOUR FAITH OF GREATER WORTH THAN GOLD
WHICH PERISHES EVEN THOUGH REFINED BY FIRE MAY
RESULT IN PRAISE GLORY AND HONOR WHEN JESUS
CHRIST IS REVEALED

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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A New Lifestyle (Part 2)

The real proof of your faith is how it shows up in the world around you. The Apostle Peter seeks to illustrate this by addressing different sets of relationships within the churches to which he was writing. He started by addressing the relationship at the bottom of the social hierarchy, slaves and masters. He moves on here to address wives and their husbands. He's attempting to show how all social relationships are transformed by following Jesus Christ.

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7.

- What is the theological basis for the direction given to wives and husbands in this passage (1 Peter 3:1a and 7a)? (see 1 Peter 2:21-23)
- How might the women who first received this letter have responded to this teaching? How might their response be different from how women may receive it today?
- How might these words present a challenge to the husbands who first received this instruction (1 Peter 3:7)? (see Ephesians 5:25-28)
- How and where does the teaching of this passage challenge you in your faith today?
- What do these words say about the quality of one's faith in living out this way of life (1 Peter 3:4)?
- How does this lifestyle encouraged here become the basis for personal evangelism (1 Peter 3:1-2)?
- What actions might Peter be suggesting are behind the obedience of Sarah mentioned here (1 Peter 3:6)? (see Genesis 12:13; 20:13)

- How is your faith being lived out in your close relationships?
- What might be hindering your prayers with God today?

Praying together

Holy Spirit, help me to have a faith more like Jesus' so my life might point others to Him.