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GROWING TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL

Life Group Study Guide

Living The Gospel in The Home Part 1

In his letter to the church, Peter argues for holy behavior in response to hardships caused by living life in this world. And he argues that submission is a form of holy behavior with regard to how we respond to hardships caused by government, or by our employer, or at home.

Question: In our sermons, how has submission been defined?

Review:

Question: Give a couple of ways in which we all “rank ourselves under government authority” and submit even when government is hurting us and not helping us?

Question: Give a couple of ways in which we all “rank ourselves under our employer’s authority” and submit even when our employer is hurting us and not helping us?

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7

In this passage, Peter adds the home to the list of life situations that we submit to by voluntarily ranking ourselves under another’s authority. Men submit to their family’s needs and go to work no matter how they feel. Mothers expect their children to submit to their authority. Mothers will submit to their children’s needs and fix them dinner even if they misbehaved that day. Submission is a regular occurrence in life situations to include the home.

Question: Does Peter teach that all women are to submit to all men?

Question: Why is it so hard sometimes for a wife to voluntarily rank herself under her husband’s authority in the home? Why is it actually easier sometime to submit to a boss at work than to a husband at home?

Question: How does our culture contribute to making it difficult for a wife to submit to her husband?

Peter urges submission not based on whether a person deserves it or not, but for the sake of the Gospel. Peter teaches us that Biblical submission is NOT a weakness but a sign of spiritual maturity.

Question: How does 1 Peter 2:21 and 24 say that submission is a sign of spiritual maturity?

In verses 3-5, Peter puts the way a wife dresses in the category of spiritual submission. Cross check what Peter says with what Paul says in 1 Timothy 2:8-10.

Question: Regarding how a wife dresses, what principle of spiritual maturity should guide a Christian wife?

In this passage, Peter gives a practical purpose for submission as a result of godliness (not weakness).

Question: What practical purpose is given here that godly behavior could result in?

Question: What other ways for changing a husband does our culture promote; in what ways does our flesh tempt us to try to effect change in a husband (or anybody else for that matter)?