

June 9 – 15

Chosen and Exiled | The Marriage Relationship

Icebreaker: What was the relationship like between your parents? Was it healthy? Was it honoring to God? How did their relationship affect you growing up?

Read 1 Peter 3:1–7

SOAP Discussion (Details on the SOAP Method at www.cfdowningtown.com/soap)

Further Discussion

3:1–2 (Compare with Ephesians 5:22–24)

- What does it mean for wives to be subject to their husbands? How does this fit in the context of what precedes it in chapter three?
- How does this passage say to deal with husbands who are not believers? What is the hopeful outcome of this?

3:3–6

- What adornment is most important? What is the big idea in relationship to the other types of adornments?
- Why is a gentle and quiet spirit precious to God? Why is it imperishable?
- How can a person foster a gentle and quiet spirit? What makes that kind of attitude possible?
- Why is a woman's submission to her husband an outgrowth of a gentle and quiet spirit?

3:7 (Compare with Ephesians 5:25–29)

- How does God call husbands to treat their wives?
- Peter mentions that wives are co-heirs of the grace of life with their husbands. What does this mean?
- What happens when husbands do not treat their wives as God intended? What are the consequences?

Application

- Why is full equality in every way contrary to God's design for the marriage relationship?
- Why is subjection difficult for anyone in any situation? How does this help us understand submission within marriage?
- How can husbands and wives create the type of environment these verses describe?
- If you are a husband or wife, what do you want to do to further a healthy and God-honoring relationship with your spouse? If single, how can you prepare for a possible marriage?

For Next Week: Use SOAP with one verse in 1 Peter 3:8–17.