

## Men's Equipping Course/First Peter Bible Study

### Week Six Assignment: 3:1-12

From Pastor Scott

In chapter 2, verses 13-25, Peter has focused on proper relationships Christians are called to have with governing authorities (13-17) and workplace authorities (18-20), even in the midst of difficult circumstances when we are reviled for our faith. He calls us to follow in the steps of Christ who was also reviled, but entrusted himself to the Father and righteous judge (21-25). Now Peter focuses on proper relationships within marriage (3:1-7) and inter-personal relationship in general (3:8-12), even when these sets of relationships can also be difficult.

1. Pray, then read over the passage a few times, slowly, out loud. Again, use different translations to get a full sense of the passage.
2. Looking at verses 1-6, what kind of character traits do we need as husbands that would encourage our wives (or make it easier for them) to exhibit these godly traits? Warning! Do not use vv.1-6 as a battering ram against your wife.
3. How will a husband's prayers be hindered according to verse 7?
4. What does it mean to live with one's wife in an understanding way? Give examples.
5. What are some specific ways you can show your wife honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life?
6. Give a short definition of each of the character traits mentioned in verse 8 (you can look at different translations to see how each word can be translated).
7. Read verse 9. What is your normal (natural) response when you've been insulted or mistreated? According to the verse, what should you do in these situations? Think of a real-life example of what that would look like and share it with your group.
8. Peter quotes from Psalm 34:12-16 in verses 10-12. Read all of Psalm 34. What are some key points (or verses) that David makes in this Psalm that stick out to you?