



Life Group Discussion Guide  
**Submission Isn't a Four Letter Word**

**1 Peter 3:1-6**

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Main Thought: Submission is a decision to surrender to an agenda bigger than our own and to follow an example whose love keeps transforming the world.

Sunday Outline:

- The Model – Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:21-25)
- The Mandate – Wives to submit to their own husbands (v.1)
- The Mission – Winning husbands (vs.1-2)
- The Method – Focus on inner beauty (vs.3-4)
- The Model – Holy women of old (vs.5-6)

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- How have you sought to live as a peculiar person this last week through your conduct, practice and/or witness?

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- Why do we react when we hear the word submission, especially when it is to another person?

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 15 minutes*).

Review 1 Peter 3:1-6 and discuss the following questions:

- In 1 Peter 3:6, the adverb translated “in the same way” refers back to Chapter 2. Who are the reference points in Chapter 2?
- How is an unbelieving husband won over by his wife’s lifestyle? What would that look like today?
- In 1 Peter 3:3-4, is the Bible prohibiting cosmetics and jewelry or is it advocating something else? (be as specific as you can)
- In 1 Peter 3:5-6, we hear about holy women of old. How were they examples for Christian wives in the present?



Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 20 minutes)*

In Philippians 2:5-8, the apostle Paul introduces us to a hymn about Christ's incarnation.

- What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?
- In Philippians 2:5-8, Jesus radically reinterprets godlikeness – what does He teach us?
- Someone has well said “We are most fully human when we demonstrate Jesus’ self-emptying love.” What does that look like in the text? What does that look like in your life?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- Jesus willingly surrendered all of His privileges to become our substitute and die in our place for our sin. Have you trusted in His saving grace?
- Why is it that people will much more readily submit themselves to an impersonal authority than to a personal one?
- Why are submission and love essentially synonyms as they work themselves out in our lives?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*