

STUDY GUIDE: FAITH IS LIFE

“Faithful in the World” (1 Peter 2:13-25)

Discussion Starters

1. What does submit mean to you?
2. What does freedom provide you?

Study: Read the second chapter of 1 Peter in preparation for the following questions in at least two translations (not a paraphrase).

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms, and note how understanding this term helps you understand the passage.

--“submit” (1 Peter 2:13)—

--“one in authority” (1 Peter 2:13)—

--“punishment” (1 Peter 2:14)—

--“foolish” (1 Peter 2:15)—

--“servants” (1 Peter 2:18)—

--“unreasonable” (1 Peter 2:18)—

--“credit” (1 Peter 2:20)—

--“reviled” (1 Peter 2:23)—

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4. What is a “human institution” (2:13)? Give some examples from today.

5. What does Peter mean by “act as free men” (2:16)? HINT: Free from what?

6. Why is submission so important?

7. Why is “called” an important word in this context?

8. How is Jesus “guardian” of our souls (2:25)?

Taking It Home (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

9. List five authorities you should submit to according to this passage. How well are you doing this? How do you need to change?

10. Who do you least want to submit to? What is the benefit to the gospel if you do?