

STUDY GUIDE: FAITH IS LIFE

“Faithful Relationships” (1 Peter 3:1-22)

Discussion Starters

1. Who is the closest person to you who is not Christian?
2. Do you know more people who are Christian or not Christian?

Study: Read the third chapter of 1 Peter in preparation for the following questions in at least two translations (not a paraphrase). Also read Ephesians 5:21-6:9 as a cross reference.

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.

--“own” (3:1)—

--“chaste” (3:2)—

--“gentle” (3:4)—

--“lord” (3:6)—

--“blessing” (3:9)—

--“defense” (3:15)—

4. Peter begins 3:1 with “in the same way”. What is this a reference back to?

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5. What does “won” refer to in 3:1? What does this tell you about the wife’s priority in the marriage?

6. Summarize what this passage says about women’s appearance. Does this apply to men as well? Why/why not?

7. Is Peter putting Abraham and Sarah’s marriage out as a model to be followed? Explain.

8. Peter refers to women as “weaker” in this passage. How are women “weaker” than men?

9. How does a husband treating his wife a certain way affect his prayers?

10. How does Ephesians 5:21-6:9 help you understand what Peter is saying in this passage?

11. W conditions make it likely that someone will ask about our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

12. What does 3:19-20 refer to?

13. How does baptism save us (3:21)? (HINT: Rely on scripture only, forget what others think).

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

14. In what kind of person/situation do you find it hardest to not retaliate? Try to think of specific names, and why it is difficult not to retaliate?

15. Write the "defense" you might give someone who asks you about your faith below and, if needed, on the back of this page.