



Facilitators' Guide for Community Groups

Strangers & Exiles "Wives & Husbands"

1 Peter 3:1-7
November 24

1. Welcome (an ice-breaker discussion to get everyone comfortable with sharing):

It is one month now to Christmas! When do you usually 'trim the tree' and put up your Christmas decorations? Or do you have other preparations prior to Christmas that help you look forward to this wonderful season of celebration?

2. Worship (to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion):

Read together 2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)

"¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

Sing "This is Amazing Grace" <https://youtu.be/cgsbaBlaoVc?si=eoz2fvhJCFKEWnCA>

Dozens of other worship songs are also available at www.westhighland.org/smallgroupsongs.

3. Word (to consider how the sermon applies to our lives, and to live out the **"one anothers"**):

Read together: 1 Peter 3:1-7

Sermon Summary:

Pastor Jamie preached on 1 Peter 3:1-7, focusing on God's design for marriage and the roles of husbands and wives within it. He emphasized that Christian marriage is a partnership that reflects the gospel, with wives called to honor and affirm their husband's leadership while husbands are called to love, care for, and honor their wives as co-heirs of God's grace. Pastor Jamie clarified what biblical submission is and isn't, stressing that it is voluntary, rooted in faith in Christ, and does not imply inferiority or blind obedience. He also highlighted the importance of inner beauty over outward appearance, using Sarah's example of faith and respect. For husbands, he underlined the call to sacrificial love and understanding. Ultimately, the message pointed to marriage as a picture of Christ's love for the church and called couples to pursue a gospel-centered relationship that glorifies God.

Sermon Questions

1. How can a Christian wife “win” her unbelieving husband by her conduct? What does this teach us about the power of a faithful life in any relationship?
2. Peter contrasts outward adornment with the inner beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit. How can women focus on cultivating this kind of imperishable beauty? What are practical ways to guard against an overemphasis on external appearance?
3. Pastor Jamie mentioned that marriage reflects Christ’s relationship with the church. What does this look like in practical terms for husbands and wives?
4. How does the gospel provide hope and healing for struggling marriages? How can we as a church support those in need?
5. How can single Christians reflect on and live out ideas shared in this message?
6. What is one takeaway from this sermon for you personally—whether as a husband, wife, or single person?

4. Witness (joining Jesus in his mission):

Consider a mission project that you can do as a Community Group to serve others this Christmas season. Some of you will have already packed boxes for the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox project. Others contributed to and are helping distribute donations through our WH Street Reach ministry. Some of the men from 2 groups helped set up the lighting décor at WH. Thank you! We have other partner ideas listed on our website: [West Highland: Hamilton, ON > Serving the Community](#) (Note: The links to each of these ministries is imbedded in their title header) And your group members may have other ideas to share too.