



### Discussion Questions Set #1

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.” (1 Timothy 1:15-16)

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:4-5)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me ... (Amazing Grace by John Newton)*

In sermon, it was suggested that a clear understanding and experience of God's grace is a necessary understanding to appropriately apply difficult texts like 1 Peter 3:1-7.

1. Big picture, discuss how you understand/experience God's grace. How would you explain God's grace to someone yet to know Jesus as Saviour?
2. Understanding the depths of our depravity enables us to appreciate the glory of the grace shown to us so that we might be used to display the amazing grace of Jesus Christ to others. What is it about a clear understanding of our depravity that enables us to better display God's grace to others?
3. The grace shown between husband and wife serves to illustrate the grace one has received through faith in Jesus Christ. How does a grace filled marriage relationship illustrate God's grace to the world around us?

### Discussion Questions Set #2

“Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.” (1 Peter 3:1-6)

1. Why is it important that a woman's worth and value is located in her hope in Jesus, rather than in outward appearances or even in her husband's evaluation of her? Discuss the spiritual ramifications of ascribing to our culture's value assignment systems.
2. How does hoping in Jesus lead to a “gentle and quiet spirit”?
3. Why is it important to note that submission does not mean to slavishly and unequivocally follow, but is a reasoned, weighed and chosen act; a considered and voluntary surrender of control and therefore a powerful act of the will? How is this different than our cultural commentary on the concept of submission?
4. How might knowing one's true worth permit that person to better submit to another person?

### Discussion Questions Set #3

“Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”

1. How does understanding that, from the original language, Peter instructs husbands to “live with understanding ... giving honour to his wife” change your interpretation of these verses? What practical behaviours would be present if a husband were to fulfill this instruction?
2. How does understanding the fact that Peter was married and that he ministered with his wife impact your reading of these verses?
3. In sermon, it was suggested that a helpful way to analogize these verses is to apply the care needed in honouring a priceless Ming vase to a husband's interactions with his wife. What thoughts does this analogy generate in you?
4. Discuss the idea that Peter reveals that God is willing to “interrupt” His relationship with husbands when they are not honouring their wives – He allows their prayers to be hindered.