

Lesson 3 - 1 Peter 3



Day 1 *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth.*

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a **verse** that stood out to you the most and write it below.

1 Peter 3:1-7

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record other verses or cross reference verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Here is a portion of scripture that many struggle with, particularly women. Unfortunately they have either been misled and/or have not taken the time to understand what the passage means. Take note, there is a verse for the husbands as well; although brief, it is powerful and a good husband would do well to heed God's Word. You need to consider the time of Peter's writing and culture as well; this was a society where wives rated barely above slaves.

Submit (Greek: hypotassō) is a Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". A marriage is a team, a man and a woman working together to accomplish a common goal; for Christian couples it is accomplishing what God has called them to do, whether it be raising a family or being missionaries- or both!

In non-military use, the word is "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".

1. Does the definition of the word submit, shown above, help clarify anything for you, explain?

2. In what way did women in former times behave?

3. Read verses 1 and 2. How can an unbelieving husband be won over to the Lord?

a. Can you list some practical ways you do this or have done this?

4. Think about how Jesus was an example of submission to the Father? List scripture reference(s) to support your answer.

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a **verse** that stood out to you the most and write it below.

1 Peter 3:8-12

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record other verses or cross reference verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Peter addressed husbands and wives in verses 1-7 and now turns his focus on **all** of us as a body of believers. Sadly, many churches do not follow God's prescription for unity and the result is wounded hearts and unbelievers pointing out the hypocrisy in the church.

1. What are we to have as believers in Jesus Christ? (v8)
 - a. What does 1 Corinthians 2:16 say?

Commentary: Pastor David Guzik "This command brings us back to the need to know God's Word. We can't be of one mind, the mind of Jesus, if we don't know what His mind is. The Word of God shows us the mind of Jesus."

2. Read verse 9. What should we not do? _____
 but on the contrary do what? _____ why? _____
 - a. What impact would this behavior have on those in the world who are watching us? (John 13:35)
3. What are we told to refrain from? and what should we be doing? (v10-11)
4. What do you find difficult about the way of life Peter describes in today's reading?

Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials.

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a **verse** that stood out to you the most and write it below.

1 Peter 3:13-17

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record other verses or cross reference verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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Digging Deeper

People seem to believe that when you become a Christian all your troubles disappear, life will just be a breeze, right? Wrong! Jesus said “in this world, you will have troubles”;but we have to remember, everything that comes into our lives is filtered through our Heavenly Father first. Recall the story of Job? Satan had to ask God’s permission before he was able to do anything to Job and his family; it is difficult to remember at times, but these trials and troubles test and strengthen our faith giving us opportunity to share our hope and God’s faithfulness and goodness with others.

1. Peter encourages us to not be afraid of the threats we receive or be troubled by our circumstances, What advice does Peter give us in coping with suffering? (v15-17)

2. How does sanctifying Christ (setting Him apart as Lord in our life) help you endure?

3. What promises can we look forward to? (James 1:12)

4. Why do you think unbelievers might be willing to listen to us who have hope and are living the way Peter describes? (v15-17)

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a **verse** that stood out to you the most and write it below.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record other verses or cross reference verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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Digging Deeper

Commentary: Verse 18b: David Guzik- "The Bible tells us the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. It also tells us the Father raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 6:4), and it says Jesus raised Himself from the dead (John 2:18-22). The resurrection was the work of the Triune God."

1. What was Jesus' purpose here on earth according to? (v18)

2. In verses 19 and 20 the meaning is not completely clear and commentators have differing thoughts and/or opinions. Do some research on your own and share what you learned. Please site the commentary you used.

3. Do you remember the day you were baptized? Share what it meant to you.

4. When you think of your own times of suffering, how does the picture of Jesus as seen in this passage bring you hope?

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Read 1 Peter 3 to complete today's homework

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method.

"S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture.

S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

Scripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

Observation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

Application: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

Prayer: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.