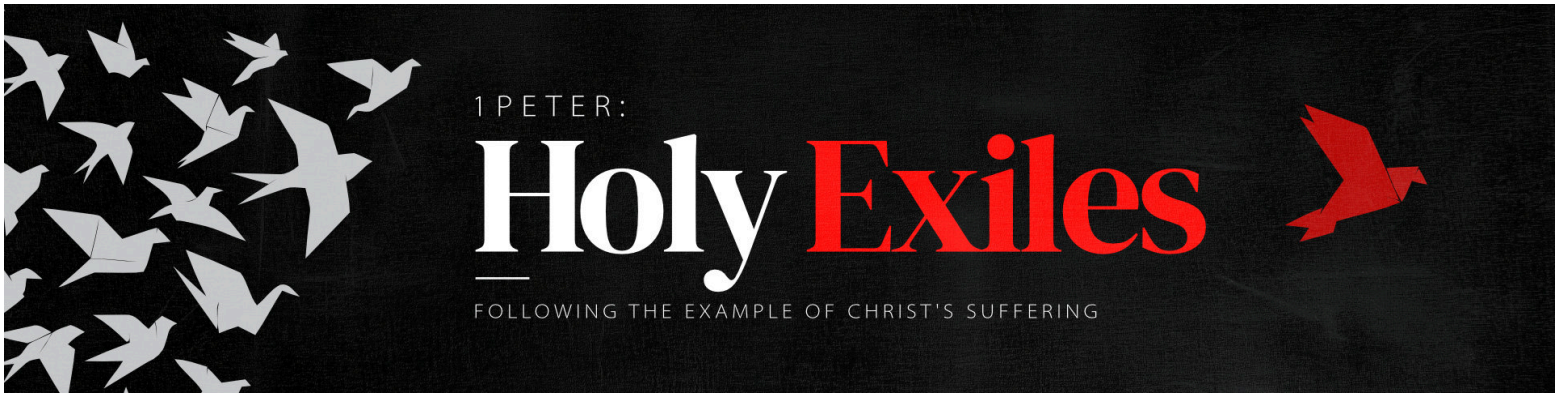


1 Peter 3:1-7

Getting Started…

What does your fashion say about you? Clothing has often been a way of showing off your wealth, your status, or your attachment to various groups. And while that can unify people, it can also isolate others and draw attention to the wrong things. As believers, we are called to make the inner beauty of the heart seen and known so that God would be glorified. This includes how we dress, and also how we treat one another as husbands and wives. Wives are called to submit to their husbands as a way of putting the gospel on display. Husbands are to lead in such a way that reveals Christ. In both cases it is the heart of Christ that is to be seen in our lives.

Read the Text: 1 Peter 3:1-7

1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not
obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives,
2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be
external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing
you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the
imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very
precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn
themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham,
calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear
anything that is frightening.
7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor
to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of
life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Understanding the Word

1. How does this passage on husbands and wives relate to the previous passages? (servants and masters, governments) What is similar in Peter's instruction, what is different?
2. How are husbands instructed to treat their wives? How does this shape the way we see leadership in marriage?

Reflecting on the Sermon

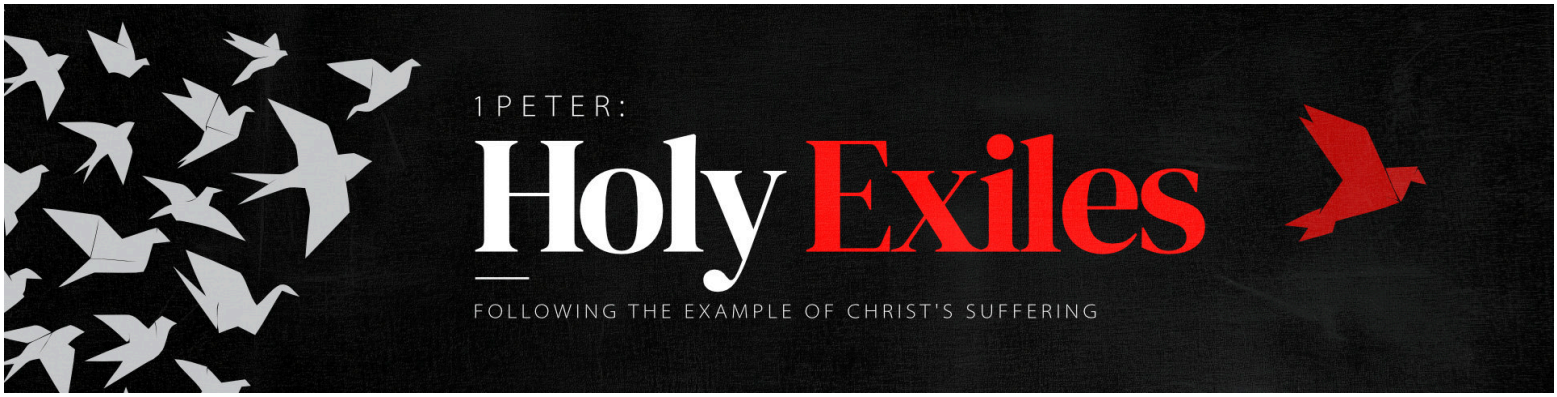
3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been applying to your heart from the sermon?

Applying the Point

5. How do we dress in such a way that shows people Jesus without becoming legalistic or overly extravagant?
6. Wives, in what way do you find follow a calling like this frightening? How can trust in God transform that? What does it look like to follow God when your husband isn't?
7. Husbands, how are you actively seeking to understand your wives better and show her the gospel? How does seeing them as coheirs with you remind you of the importance to pursue her rightly?

Praying & Sharing

1. How can you share what you have learned with… another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God**.

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

"Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them." - *Psalm 111:2*