

1 Peter 3:1-12

1. Partners not opponents.

Genesis 2:18; Ephesians 5:31-33

2. Cultivate inner beauty.

1 Peter 3:3-4 (AMP)

Inner beauty is not built in an instant but by being consistent.

3. Sympathize, don't criticize.

Hebrews 4:14-16

4. Compensate, don't retaliate.

1 Peter 3:9

5. Prayers can be hindered by how we treat one another.

1 Peter 3:10-12

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Consider:

In marriage, God is honored when spouses view each other as equal yet unique, treating them with love and respect.

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Read 1 Peter 3:3-4.

- If Peter wrote these verses in today's culture, what may his list have included besides having the "right" figure or the "right" clothes?

- What are some consistent practices that build inner beauty?

- Who is someone you know that is truly beautiful?

- ▶ What is one area that comes to mind where it would be important to sympathize not criticize? What is a QUESTION that could fit with that situation?

- ▶ Read 1 Peter 3:9. What are some blessings we could give as believers? What kind of blessings does God want to give us?

Commit:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Where do you personally need to receive grace and mercy to connect with God's best for your life?

Care:

Thank God for the highs mentioned earlier and remember the lows in prayer.

Pray for healthy marriages.