Weekly Group Questions & Practices

The following questions and practices are provided as a menu for you to select from; unless your group loves truly lengthy discussions, please don't try to do everything here! **Choose the questions and activities that best suit your group and timeframe**.

Date: **February 7, 2021**
Sermon: **Marriage as God's Picture of Together**
Passage: 1 Peter 3:1-7

Discuss:

1. According to 1 Peter 1:1-2, what is a possible outcome of a wife's good conduct? How might this apply to relationships in general, and not just marriage?

2. In verses 3&4, Peter warns against "external adornments." Why -- what's the problem with them? How does that message compare with what we, and especially women, hear from our 21st century culture?

3. Think of someone in your life who has exhibited a "gentle and quiet" spirit. What impact have they had on you?

4. What are some practices that you have in place that help you focus on your interior well-being rather than your outward appearance?

5. In verse 1 and in verse 7, Peter uses this word "likewise" or "in the same way," referring to his description of Jesus in 2:21-24. How does this play out for husbands and wives? Is a husband called to submit to his wife? What have submitting and showing consideration looked like for you, either in a marriage, family relationship or friendship?

Deeper Dive:
These questions are intended to help you extend the conversation to other, related parts of Scripture.

1. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What similarities do you notice between the message there and the one in this passage in 1 Peter? How does it enhance it? Does it raise new questions?

2. Look at John 13:34-35. How does Jesus' commandment connect to what we've studied today? How would you rate us as a church in being known for our love?

Soul Training: Submit

This week, try to let one thing go every day. When you don't receive something that you feel you deserve (attention, appreciation, help ...), let it go instead of becoming resentful or demanding your rights.