

Growth Teams

Week Beginning
Sunday 22nd January 2016

Going deeper

1 Peter was written by Peter, one of the Twelve who followed Jesus during his earthly ministry. He is writing to a scattered group of churches in what would now be Eastern Turkey. He is not speaking to one particular church with specific issues, but giving a general encouragement to Christians under pressure. It is a letter with a vision of what the church should be and achieve: 'glorifying God' (cf. 2:11-12). In this section he talks specifically to wives and husbands.

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7

5. Who are the wives to imitate in their submission? (see 2:21-25)
Who else is meant to submit? (See 2:13; 2:18)

6. What is the aim of the wives' submission and pure lives?

7. What kind of beauty are Christian women called to?

8. How are husbands to treat their wives? Why are husbands to care and respect their wives?

9. How does the motivation that underlies the teaching in this passage differ from the motivation of people in the world today? How might we need to change our attitude?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

Growth Teams

Growth Teams are a wonderful opportunity to go deeper with other Christians. They are a great place to build real friendships and support networks, to pray for one another and to look more carefully at the topics we consider on a Sunday.

The daytime Growth Teams are continuing as normal, but for the next couple of months, instead of an evening Growth Team, we will be running Faith Pictures a course about sharing your faith. See the notice sheet or website for more details.

Tue. 7:30pm **Faith Pictures**
Perry Room, Church Hall



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

1 Timothy 2:1-15 (page 1192)

Space to take notes on the talk

- A D _____ Passage: _____

- A D _____ of God: _____

- A D _____ for God's household: _____

Starter question

- ❖ In what ways do you think men and women are generally different?

Responding to the talk

1. What from this week's talk did you find most encouraging or challenging?
2. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 - a. What reasons does Paul give for us to pray for all people?
 - b. Why are we to pray for those in authority in particular?
 - c. How is God's desire in verse 4 achieved through Jesus and Paul in verses 5-7?
3. Read 1 Timothy 2:8-10
 - a. How would arguing stop God's desire being accomplished?
 - b. How would indecent and overly expensive dressing up distract from bringing about God's desire?
 - c. What things does Paul encourage men and women to do? How will these things help create a church that is the pillar and foundation of the truth? (cf. 3:15)
4. Read 1 Timothy 2:11-15
 - a. How do these verses fit with the theme of verses 8-10?
 - b. How can we reconcile what Paul says here with the fact that he expects women to pray and prophecy (1 Cor. 11:5; cf. Acts 2:17; 18:26; 21:9)?
 - c. What do women most need to continue in (2:15)?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. Is there any group of people that we assume God doesn't want to be saved? Who don't we pray for that we need to start praying for?
11. In what ways do we need to 'quieten down' as individuals and as a church?