

Small Group Interaction Questions:

MEANWHILE: The Church that lives and waits
“The Man in the Mirror” 3/8/09
1 Peter 3:7

Dear Friends,

When it comes to renewal, God is an equal-opportunity employer. Every age, every race, every class, and both genders are called into newness by the work of Christ in His living church. For His own reasons, God has made men and women with distinct strengths, and particular callings. We addressed God’s call to women to respect and submit to their husbands, and to cultivate an unfading beauty independent of outward advantages and accoutrements. In this study we are calling to men to heed their unique responsibility to lead and love their wives. This is not only a marital renewal strategy, but a societal revolution. What could it mean to your marriage and our own culture? I know God will cast new light on these ancient words for the building up of his people.

Pastor Roger

- 1) Read 1 Peter 3:1-7. What do you recall about the status of women and the assumptions of men in the first century that make these verses revolutionary?
- 2) In verse 7, Peter says “be considerate as you live with your wives.” This is more strongly translated: “live with knowledge.” What does a man need to learn about a woman? Husbands, what is the most helpful insight you have had about your wife? Wives, what is it about a woman that a man finds hard to understand.
- 3) If men and women are of equal value (Genesis 1:27-28; Galatians 3:28) what does Peter mean when he refers to the wife as the “weaker partner?”
- 4) How does this instruction to a husband impact his future? ...the culture? ...the church? ...the generations?