

Lesson 3: 1 Peter 3:1-22

Reading:

1. Read the entire letter of 1 Peter in one sitting (if possible)
2. *1 Peter*, Wayne Grudem, Tyndale New Testament Commentary Series
 - a. Commentary, pp. 134-166
 - b. OPTIONAL: Appendix, "Christ Preaching Through Noah: 1 Peter 3:19-20 In The Light of Dominant Themes in Jewish Literature", pp. 203-239

Observations:

1. What is the outline or structure of this passage?
2. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
3. What doctrines are in view in this passage?

Interpretation and Application:

1. Peter continues his argument in 1 Peter 3:1 with the word "likewise". What is the context of verses 1-7?
2. What qualities in a wife does God commend and value (1 Peter 3:1-6)?
3. What does it look like to live with your wife "in an understanding way" (1 Peter 3:7)? Where do you need to grow in understanding and honoring your wife?
4. How are we to respond to evil and insults? What blessings come from a righteous response (1 Peter 3:8-12)? (See also Romans 12:9-21)
5. What counsel does Peter give to Christians who suffer despite living righteously and doing good (1 Peter 3:13-17)?
6. How do Christ's death (v. 18), resurrection (v. 21) and exaltation (v. 22) give us confidence and hope in the face of suffering and difficulties (1 Peter 3:18-22)?
7. Why does Peter draw a parallel between Noah and baptism (1 Peter 3:19-21)?
8. How does this passage apply to my life?
9. How can I apply this passage to the leadership of my care group?