

05 GODLY RELATIONSHIPS

KEY TEXT: 1 PETER 3:1-12

CENTRAL truth

Although Peter is writing to wives and husbands—roles that students probably aren't thinking about very much at this point in their lives—his instructions are godly principles that we can all learn and apply. As followers of Jesus, **we are called to honor the Lord in all our relationships with others.**

key question

How should husbands treat their wives, according to Peter? What reason does he give?

Godly husbands treat their wives with respect, dignity, and value—a very unique teaching in the ancient world. In Christ, both men and women have been redeemed and will be recipients of the future, heavenly hope that has been secured through Christ. Therefore, husbands must treat their wives as equals and fellow members of God's kingdom.

keep in mind

- Most students aren't thinking about marriage at this point in their lives, but dating relationships are often part of their lives. If and when students choose to date, remind them to look for someone who displays the godly characteristics outlined in this week's passage. Also communicate the importance of involving parents or guardians and other godly community in their dating process.
- Peter's instructions to believing wives in this week's passage may be challenging for some students. It's important to highlight that Scripture continually points to the dignity and worth of women. Use the **Culture Note** in this week's session to help you navigate this conversation.

application

What are some ways we can regularly pray for those who have treated us unkindly?

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FOR THE STUDENT: Students should learn that our actions and attitudes can align with or contradict our faith in Jesus. In all our relationships, we should model Christlikeness.

FOR THE LEADER: Though Peter is specifically addressing husbands and wives in today's Scripture, help students to identify the underlying principle that should guide how we operate in all our relationships.

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