



LIFE GROUP STUDY

LIVING UNDER AUTHORITY

1 Peter 2:13-3:7

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1. What insight, principle, or observation from this message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. What does verse 13 say about our response to human institutions?
3. What are the human institutions that you are subject to?
4. What does it mean for you to be subject to these institutions?
5. How does verse 16 tell us to live?
6. What does that mean?
7. Thinking about “being subject” and “human institutions”, what difference could it make in your life to live free?
8. In verses 18 to 25, who is Peter using as an example and why?
9. How does being a servant relate to God’s grace?
10. In the words of Bob Dylan, “*You’re gonna have to served somebody.*” What does it mean for you to be a servant?
11. In 3:1 Peter uses who as an example?
12. What is Peter’s point about wives (3:1-6)? What are they to do and why?

13. Peter uses Sarah as an example to follow. It would be easy to think, “*Well, Sarah was married to Abraham who is a huge example of faith. And, I’m married to _____.*” But, consider some of what Sarah had to deal with:

- Genesis 12:1-5
- Genesis 12:10=20
- Genesis 13:1-11
- Genesis 20:1-18
- Genesis 22:1-19

14. From Sarah’s perspective Abraham may not have been the “saint” we may think he is. And yet (verse 6) how did Sarah respond to Abraham? How did she do that?

15. What could it mean for a wife to be subject to your own husband?

16. In 3:7 Peter uses who as an example?

17. What is Peter’s point about husbands? What are they to do and why?

18. What could it mean for a husband to live with his wife? Understand his wife? Honor his wife?

19. What could it mean for a wife to have her husband live with her, understanding her, honoring her?

20. What could it mean for a husband to have his wife live in subjection to him?

21. Think about what your natural reaction is to being treated unfairly. With that in mind, consider Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 5:38-48. How might unbelievers perceive Christianity and Christians if we lived this way in response to our culture and human institutions? What might that look like?

22. How could Jesus’ teaching apply to your life?