



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of February 26, 2024

1. Tell a story from your life experience that showed (or revealed) the funny or obvious difference between a woman and a man — in attitudes, actions, or approach to a certain situation. What happened? How did the man approach it or handle it compared to the woman?
2. Have two people in your group read 1 Peter 3:1-7 aloud from TWO (2) different Bible translations. What is the big idea of this section in your own words?
3. What would you say to that secular person who claims that men and women (i.e. husbands and wives) are no different than one another and are absolute equals in everything? In what ways are the two genders totally equal and what ways are we very different?

<i>Intellectually Equal:</i>	Yes or No	<i>Emotionally Equal:</i>	Yes or No
<i>Biologically Equal:</i>	Yes or No	<i>Equally Created by God:</i>	Yes or No
<i>Spiritually Equal in Salvation:</i>	Yes or No	<i>Relationally Equal:</i>	Yes or No

4. When we study the Bible and look at the subject of “submission” in relationships— is it only women who are called to demonstrate a submissive, humble spirit? Make sure you incorporate these verses into your answer: 1 Peter 2:11; Ephesians 5:21; Philippians 2:3-4. In what ways are men called to practice submission?
5. What are some practical ways that husbands can show honor/consideration/compassion to their wives in the everyday world (1 Peter 3:7)? What would that compassionate care look like? If men are supposed to do more than just “provide” food, shelter, and clothing — what else are they supposed to provide, especially for their wives?
6. What does Peter mean when he says that husbands and wives are “...heirs together of the grace of life?” According to verse 7, how might a husband’s spiritual life be compromised if he isn’t caring for his wife properly?
7. Should you expect that your spouse is going to deliver perfect satisfaction and lasting fulfillment? Why or why not? Where does Jesus always succeed where our spouses sometimes fail? Give some examples!
8. If you are married, where are some of the areas where you need to do a better job “understanding” your spouse? Be as specific as you can. Can you start this week?

To bless a woman or a man, understand them as best you can.