

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Wives and Husbands – 1 Peter 3:1-7

1. What are some of the differences between a husband and a wife?
(This is difficult question!)

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7

2. How does Peter's suggestion that a wife should submit (or 'be subject') to her husband make you feel?
3. Why does Peter think this is a good idea?
4. Peter doesn't tell husbands to submit to wives. Is it fair for God to have different expectations of husbands and wives?
5. Do you think our church family is a safe place for our divorced Christian brothers and sisters to share their story? Why?
6. If men and women are equal before God, what is different about them in marriage? (check Ephesians 5:24-25)
7. Who does Peter think is responsible for the wife's submission? What is the husband commanded to do in relation to this?
8. What might it look like for a wife to voluntarily submit to her husband? What are the limits placed on all forms of worldly submission for the believer?
9. In verse 7 Peter refers to the wife as 'the weaker vessel'. Vessel is a weird word used of both men and women. In what sense is a wife weaker than a man? Can you imagine how this could have an impact on the marriage relationship?
10. What bearing does this passage have on the sort of person it would be sensible to choose to marry?
11. Was Jesus one who submitted or one to whom people should submit?