

**GETTING STARTED:**

- 1) How has the cultural definition of the marriage relationship changed since Peter's time? How has it changed in your lifetime?
- 2) Who do you look to for help in being a better spouse?

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA:** **Becoming a New Husband****MAIN SCRIPTURE:** **1 Peter 3:7** (Have a group member read)**DISCUSSION**

- 1) What does it mean "to hinder"?
- 2) What do you need to study about your spouse? What do you need to apologize for? What do you need to complement for?
- 3) Compare "weaker partner" to Galatians 3:28. What does it mean to be a "weaker partner" and equal "heir with you"?
- 4) How does the realization that we are both sinners married to sinners in a foreign land affect the marriage relationship?

**DIG DEEPER** (Other scriptures?)

- 1) How does 1 Peter 4:8 affect the marriage relationship? How does the Apostle Paul's instruction to Husbands in Ephesians 5:22-31 sync with Peter's instruction?
- 2) In what ways should husbands "consider" their wives? Proverbs 31
- 3) How do bad personal relationships interfere with our relationship with God?

**BRING IT HOME**

- 1) How can you embrace the differences with your spouse so that Christ is honored?
- 2) In what ways does marrying someone with "opposite" traits strengthen the whole?

**ASK FOR GOD'S HELP**

- 1) How can we better appreciate our spouse as God's gift to us?
- 2) What are some consideration questions you should ask your spouse? How can you enlist God's help in that discussion?