



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Hopefull: Of Husbands and Wives

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 3:8-12

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1. As we transition from our three part mini-series on Christian submission (2:13-17, 2:18-25, 3:1-7), how does 1 Peter 3:8-12 sum up those who imitate Christ?
2. Peter provides five qualities that are hallmarks of healthy Christian communities. How have you experienced them in your own life? How have you experienced them at Harbor Trinity?
3. Give some examples of how we can do the things Peter mentions in 1 Peter 3:8 in our daily lives.
4. How do you respond to Peter's instruction about not retaliating against those who do evil to us?
5. Do you struggle to bless those who speak in a highly insulting manner (revile)? How can you bless those who do so? How have you experienced God's blessing when you have done this?
6. Peter and the writers of the New Testament go far beyond simply not taking vengeance and leaving to the Lord. How is this an even greater calling?
7. It is possible to bless someone through clenched teeth and resentment. How can an honest blessing flow out of sincere love (1 Peter 1:22-2:12)?
8. While Peter's encouragement to love, compassion, and humility are reasonable enough on their own, they are based on the teaching of Jesus (Matthew 5:38-48; Luke 6:27). Paul's quotes these passages frequently (Romans 12:14; 1 Corinthians 4:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:15). The early church took these teachings seriously. How can we?
9. Peter quotes Psalm 34:12-16 in 1 Peter 3:10-12. How does this passage fit within the book of 1 Peter?
10. 1 Peter 3:12 answers the question, "What does God do with injustice, evil, and tyranny?" Do you trust God to preserve you when you suffer unjustly? Do you trust that God's justice is better than your vengeance?