



## One 2021: wk 4 Identity Shapes Relationship

**Introduction:** The reason Peter spends so much time reminding us of our identity is that we will have to be secure in our identity in Christ to live in relationship with both those who are Christ followers and those that are not. Peter is going to call us to submit in 3 circles of relationship, and if we aren't sure of our identity fear will fight against submission. How can submission be our way forward?

### Discussion Questions

1. When someone asks you to trust them, what goes through your mind? Have you ever asked someone to trust you and trust seemed scary for them?
2. When Peter talks about holiness he uses the words “abstain” and “conduct.” Sometimes we can focus so hard on the behavior of abstaining or conducting-that we lose the why and it just becomes behavior modification. When is behavior modification helpful and when does it take us off course?
3. **Read 1 Peter 2:13-17** When you read the instruction to submit to human governments, what questions or fears come to mind? Who was the emperor when Peter wrote this? How do you honor a governor/authority that is hostile to Christianity?
4. **Read 1 Peter 2:18-20** Is Peter advocating for slavery? How have these passages (most of chapter 2 & 3) been used in ways that are not in line with the message of Christ? How do you learn to interpret passages that seem to operate in conflict of the teachings of Jesus?
5. **Read 1 Peter 3:4-11** Of all the things in this section, why is the idea that wives were “heirs” probably the most noteworthy?
6. In the sermon, Jeremy said several times that “Submission is rebellion against fear.” What does that mean? What kinds of fears come to mind when we talk about submission? Which of the 3 circles is the most likely to be an issue for you?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 1 Peter 2:17*

**Moving Forward** – Submission is rebellion against fear.