**Living Faithfully in a Dynamic Home Study Guide and Small Group Discussion Questions**

The Apostle Peter’s encouragement for the believers to submit to human authorities and employers was followed by highlighting an equally critical focus on where submission should also be present - the Chrisitan home. Wives and husbands are commanded to live faithfully with each other by first recognizing their individual weaknesses, and then, submitting to the Holy Spirit to transform them into strengths that will reflect God’s original design for marriage.

**Wives and women**, do you see any pattern in your life that resembles the desire of Eve to be domineering or to take matters into your own hands? When do you usually see this pattern emerging in your life? Cite examples if possible.

**Husbands and men**, do you see any pattern in your life that resembles the desire of Adam to be passive and to delegate your God-given responsibilities to others? When do you usually see this pattern emerging in your life? Cite examples if possible.

How can we, **women and men**, increase our awareness of these tendencies? What are some steps that we can take to prevent these tendencies from dictating our would-be decisions and actions?

*4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.*

How do we, both men and women, cultivate a beauty that radiates from within, one that is of great worth in God’s sight?

Should this passage be used to prohibit making oneself pleasing to look at?

How do we balance trying to make ourselves beautiful both physically and spiritually?

*and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

How can the phrase “weaker partner” be taken to the extreme when it comes to husbands treating their wives?

How should Christians answer comments and criticisms that say the Bible promotes a patriarchal kind of society and relegates women to an inferior status?

How can we show and emphasize that women are co-heirs to God’s gifts and are equal to men in God’s eyes?