Sermon: How Marriage Puts the Gospel on Display **Scripture**: 1 Peter 3:1-7 **Series**: 1 Peter: Hardships, Holiness, and Hope **Date**: October 18, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

- a) Re-read 2:11-12 and 16. How has Peter prepared our hearts to talk about submission?
- b) For wives/women: What encourages or challenges you from this passage?
- c) For husbands/men: What encourages or challenges you from this passage?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Think through together how the marriage relationship reflects the love and submission within the Trinity. How might these same truths apply to all our relationships?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) How does grace allow us to honor our spouse (even when it is difficult)?
- b) If Christ is our husband, then what does verse 7 teach us about Jesus?

 If the church is Christ's bride, then what do verses 1-6 teach us about the church (us)?

APPLICATION

- a) Does your conduct in your marriage/relationships demonstrate Christ likeness? How or how not? (Think about submission, honoring, gentleness, etc.) How might your marriage look different if it did?
- b) Look at verse 5 again. Where do you need to put your hope in God in your marriage? In any of your relationships?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 2:9-12

PRAYER

Praise God for his marriage to his bride, the church of Christ.

Repent of ways that your relational conduct has failed to reflect the gospel of Christ.

Ask God to help you "put your hope in God" in all your relationships.