



## Study notes from Peter's message

Ask your LIFEgroup members to share what it means to them "to submit?" What are some examples of ways people submit in our culture?

*We all make choices to submit to certain things. Today we will see why it is so important for us to submit to God and to resist the Devil.*

### **1. Living God's Way Includes Choosing Our Words Carefully**

#### **Read James 3:1-12**

Q. What do we learn about the power of our words from the illustrations James used? (horse's bit; ship's rudder; fire in the forest)?

*Words have great effect and can destroy relationships, people's confidence and self esteem.*

Q. What have you found that helps you choose your words carefully?

### **2. Living God's Way Includes Being Selfless and Humble**

#### **Read James 3:13—16**

James repeats that we can prove the intangibles of our faith – wisdom and understanding – by the way that we behave.

Q. What ways have you seen jealousy, pride and selfishness hinder righteousness and peace?

#### **Read James 3:17—4:3**

Q. What qualities identify a person who has Godly wisdom?

Q. What qualities identify a person who is a peacemaker?

Q. Is there difference between a peacekeeper and a peacemaker? What are the differences?

Q. What is the difference between "earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom"

#### **Read Matthew 5:13-16**

Q. What is Jesus teaching that our relationship with the world around us should be like?

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### **3. Living God's Way Includes Submitting to God and Rejecting Sinful Desires**

#### ***Read James 4:4-5***

Q. In light of Jesus' teaching, what do you think James means that "friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God?"

Q. How can we let our "good deeds shine out for all to see," (Matt 5:16) and also remain faithful to God?

#### ***Read James 4:6-10***

Q. What does it mean to humble ourselves before God?

Q. How can we resist the Devil?

#### ***Read James 4:11-12***

James challenges followers of Jesus not to speak poorly of each other, not to sit in judgement of others – God alone is the judge

#### ***Read Eph 4:29-32; Col 4:6; 1 Thess 5:9-11; John 13:34-35***

#### **Pray together**

What can you celebrate about each person in your LIFEgroup? Take turns to pray a prayer of encouragement over every person in your LIFEgroup

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