Christ's suffering serves as an example, but of course, it is more than an example. Looking at v24 & 25 what else did Jesus achieve by his suffering? What goal was in mind?

In a society where wives rated barely above slaves, what can you find that is "progressive" about Peter's marriage principles in 3:1 - 7?

What responsibilities are placed on the husband?

Submission in all its aspects is difficult. What areas do you find most difficult? How can you support each other?

Study 4: Submission to Jesus

Reading: 1Peter 2:13 - 3:7

As you try to follow the steps of Jesus, what do you value about that path?

What do you find difficult about walking in his steps?

<u>Read 1Peter 2:13 - 3:7:</u>

Find several examples of submission in this passage. What is difficult about each?

According to Peter, why should Christians treat their governing leaders with respect (2:13 - 15)?

Looking closely at 2:15 - 16, what potential problem do you think Peter might be addressing here?

How could the teachings of 2:16 - 17 keep you from becoming a ‘doormat’ to your government?

With what attitude should slaves submit to their masters? How does this relate to the previous verses?

What if the master is acting cruelly or harshly? What should the slave do?

Peter says it is commendable if a slave bears up under unjust suffering because he is “mindful of God”. What is it about God that a slave should be mindful of? (Look also at 1Peter 1:6 - 7; 2:12, 15; Romans 12:17 - 13:1)

How is the example of Christ similar to the situation of the slave, with respect to:

- Innocence?
- Submission?
- Suffering?

What was the key response of Christ to his situation that serves as a model for us?