**Study Notes, 1 Peter 3:1-9 – Confident in relationships**

**1.12.24.**

**Opening prayer time**

* Read Philippians 2:1-11 and lead into a time of prayer giving thanks to God for Jesus and his example of love, obedience and sacrifice

**Opening question**

* Can you think of a time when somebody influenced you for the better…perhaps towards a good habit, or a positive action? What was it about that person that made you listen to them?

**1 Peter 3:1-9**

This passage flows on from the previous text in 1 Peter 2:11-25. It would be helpful to re-read this section as well as today’s text.

**Questions for reflection/discussion coming out of the passage**

1. Given the place of wives in the household in New Testament times, how might those wives who decided to follow Jesus have felt if they had a husband who still worshipped pagan Gods? What might they have been tempted to do?
2. What attitudes and actions did Peter encourage amongst the wives to whom he was writing?
3. How would these things reflect the example of Jesus, as in 1 Peter 2:21-25?
4. How easy do you think this teaching would have been to follow for these wives? Is it easier, or more difficult today?
5. Why do you think Peter needed to give the advice to husbands that he did?
6. How might these things apply across relationships other than marriage?
7. What might the encouragement to “repay evil with blessing” mean for us? Can you share any practical examples, real or potential?
8. What kind of blessings do we receive as we bless others?
9. Why do you think God often chooses to work through people in situations where they lack social power? What does this say about God?
10. Are there any particular relationships you find difficult that this passage is leading you think that and pray about? What action might you take?