

SERMON NOTES

May 11 & 12, 2024

Why Does It Matter?: Women in Leadership

Message Premise: The Bible affirms an egalitarian community where women and men _____
_____ based on _____, not _____, and this best
reflects God's intent for human flourishing.

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

In Jesus' New Community:

1. Women can be called into _____.

1 Corinthians 11:5

2. Women will no longer be defined by _____ or the _____,
but by the _____ to God.

Luke 10:38-42/Luke 11:28

3. Women and men are equally called and _____.
"Head" - Greek - "Kephale" - "Electroencephalogram"

1 Corinthians 11:3/ Ephesians 6:5

4. Every human being is created in the _____ with equal value and worth.

Genesis 1:27-28

5. Women and men are to _____.

1 Corinthians 11:7,9/Genesis 2:18/Psalm 33:20/Genesis 3: 16c/1 Corinthians 7:4

6. Women and men share in _____.

1 Corinthians 11:10

Life Steps

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Monday

Genesis 1:19-23

Reflect: How does this passage reinforce or contradict how you were raised to regard women and their place in society? What was your key takeaway from this week's message?

Pray: All wise and knowing God, thank you for the gift of the female species.

Tuesday

Ephesians 6:1-3

Reflect: Living in heaven or alive on earth, what do you most appreciate and respect about your mom? What were/are her strengths? What were/are her blind spots? Understanding all of us are flawed and all relationships have their challenges, how can you best honor your mother?

Pray: Designer and creator of all, help me to honor my mother in thought, word and deed.

Wednesday

I Corinthians 11:2-9

Reflect: Since hearing the weekend message, what do you think Paul is saying in these verses? What is your response to Paul giving the okay for women to prophesy in the Church of Corinth? Why are you open or not open to being taught the Word by a woman?

Pray: O great fountain of knowledge and wisdom, give me ears to hear your truth whether spoken by man or a woman.

Thursday

I Corinthians 11:10-16

Reflect: What is Paul communicating about women and men in verses 11 – 12? How does culture and your upbringing still influence your view of women?

Pray: Perfect and loving God, help me see others the way you see them.

Friday

Genesis 1:27-28

Reflect: According to this passage, what is God's original design for the relationship of women and men? What evokes the curse that is put upon women and men in Genesis 3:16-17? In light of what you have learned this week, what needs to change in your life – a relationship, a perspective, an attitude – with respect to women?

Pray: Merciful God, show me and forgive any gender blind spots that reside in my soul.

Saturday

Genesis 2:18; Psalm 33:20

Reflect: Why did God create woman? What connotations does the word "helper" often carry in our culture? Who is the helper in Psalm 33:20? How does this impact how we understand Genesis 2:18?

Pray: Generous God, my ever present help in times of need, thank you for the women in my life who guide and influence my life for the good.

Sunday

Matthew 6:33

Reflect: How might the world be transformed if future generations sought Jesus and his kingdom? Today is the day we celebrate our graduating high school seniors. Help us recognize them by coming to worship ready to cheer and connect with our current and future servant leaders.

Pray: God, use me to bless and encourage future generations.