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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrel; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control. ¹

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

Study It

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. For some questions, we recommend going to gotquestions.org. This resource offers solid, succinct, biblical answers to many questions.

Some good commentaries on 1 Timothy are:

Hughes, R. Kent and Bryan Chapell. *1-2 Timothy and Titus: To Guard the Deposit*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012.

Platt, David and Daniel L. Akin. *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*. Nashville: Holman, 2013.

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://www.bible.com/bible/1-ti/2-8-15). (2016). (1 Ti 2:8–15). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Review It

This is perhaps one of the most controversial and misused passages in the church, at least in the last century or so. When you read this, based on the way the wording is within the passage, what is your first reaction?

There are compelling arguments regarding how this passage affirms complementarianism in the church. Complementarianism is the teaching that men and women are equal in God's eyes, made in the image of God, but made differently for his glory. The complementarian view highlights the uniqueness of the genders and affirms how both male and female complement one another in God's service, leaving certain positions within the church for men only.

The other view is egalitarianism which teaches that Paul was simply constrained by Roman and even Jewish culture in this writing and that women should have every right to hold the office of pastor/overseer within the local church.

Full disclosure – our church teaches the complementarian viewpoint.

This is hotly debated nowadays among many who for years have held one view, only to be now questioning that. So, knowing this and understanding the impact of Medieval church history on gender roles (more egalitarian than complementarian,) the impact of the Reformation on gender roles within the church (more complementarian than egalitarian,) and the impact of women's rights movements within the last century, how does the local church come to an understanding of such? Where does inerrancy and immutability of the Word come to play?

There is likely more here in these verses than can be fully understood in just a one-hour gathering. Yet, believing God's Word to be true, the challenge is to see how he is glorified when what is written is believed and when believed, is acted upon. What do you see as the biggest challenge in such?

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

Prayer

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.