



1 Corinthians 11:2-16 “Under Authority Like Jesus”

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Scripture paints a picture of both males and females as created in God’s image, being equal in value but distinct in function. This dynamic, called complementarianism, produces a mutual honor in which men lead according to the example of Jesus over his church and women submit to that leadership in the example of Jesus toward the Father. In God’s design, it is good that God created people as male and female and part of glorifying God is celebrating our God-given gender and living inside of his design as we relate to one another.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Why is it important that we take our cues for gender relations from Scripture and not culture?
2. How do both chauvinism and feminism defy God’s design in creation?
3. What does it look like for you to gladly embrace your God-given gender and walk in godly masculinity or femininity?
4. What do you find most difficult about embracing the relational dynamics of male headship and female submission?
5. How does the concept of honor displayed in both male leadership and female submission?

PRAYER

Pray for God to create in you the humility to both lead in the example of Christ over the church and submit in the example of Christ toward the Father. Pray for God to be glorified in us as we make the hard decisions to embrace this counter-cultural but God-ordained design.