

Sermon Questions

1 Timothy 2:9-15

This week we discussed God's design for women in the church. Since God has established His church to reflect the values of the kingdom on planet earth it would benefit us to honor His Word in every way. As we study gender we understand that God is creator of human beings and the designer of male and female as the only two genders. Men and women are completely different but of equal value in the sight of the Lord. Understanding and applying God's Word will help us in our cultural sea of uncertainty and provide love and direction for God's people in the coming days.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

God's Design for Women in the Church

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Their appearance should reflect Christ and not the culture (9)

Their character should represent Christ and not the culture (10)

Their significance should be responsibilities designed by Christ and not the culture (11-14)

Their salvation should be received from Christ and not the culture (15)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why is the discussion of gender and roles such a heated or avoided topic? Who designed and created gender? Who has a purpose gender? Why would it be important that God's people understand God's masterful design?
2. How should women dress? Why does God care about the outward appearance of a woman? What does it mean to dress modestly and discreetly?
3. Why should women not try to dress to impress other women? Why should women not dress to impress other men? Why should women not dress in a way to say they are sexually available? Why should women not try to gain approval, affirmation and value from the way they dress? Where should women instead receive love and affirmation?

4. Read Deuteronomy 22:5. Why does God want women to dress like women and men to dress like men? How much does God care about gender?
5. How is a woman being submissive being like Jesus Christ? What does it mean that Jesus Christ is in eternal submission to the Father? Does the submission of Christ to God make Him ontologically less than the Father? How should woman approach and embrace the notion of submission?
6. What does it mean that equality is NOT sameness? What does it mean that submission is NOT less than? How can men and husbands do a better job in valuing women in the church?
7. Why should a woman gain her significance from Christ and not the culture? Why is the feminist movement degrading to women? Why should women NOT be comparing themselves to men? Why should women be valued simply for being a woman?
8. What does it mean that when women step forward men step back? How do you see that truth played out in the church and in the world? Why is this so dangerous?
9. Why does God prohibit women teaching men in the church? Why does Paul make an argument from the order of creation? Why should men be teaching?
10. How are women gifted? How should they use their gifts? Did Jesus elevate women? Did Jesus have women who ministered to Him? How did the women around Jesus evangelize? Women are certainly gifted by God but why do we not see any women as Old Testament priests or New Testament apostles?
11. If God is so clear that women should not teach or have authority over a man then why do so many Christians either neglect this text or dance around it rather than simply teach it? Why should this text be taught? Why would this teaching benefit the church and ultimately our world today?
12. Read Titus 2:3-5. What should be the qualifications of women teachers in the church? Who are they required to be? Who are they called to teach? What should older women be teaching younger women? What should women NOT be doing? Why is excessive drinking and gossiping and detrimental in discipling younger women?
13. Why are women called to be busy at home? Why home? Why does God care about the family? Read Proverbs 31:10-31. How is this incredible woman using her gifts in the home? Why is this woman using her gifts in her family? Why is the use of a woman's gifts in the home such a blessing?

14. If men are called to teach the Word then how well should men know God's Word for their family? Why is it important that the man is the lead disciple maker in the home?
15. Can a woman experience the same measure of salvation as a man? How significant is it that the woman, who received pain in childbearing as part of the Fall, is still able to propagate the human race and help raise godly offspring? How wonderful is it that in spite of the curse that she can be saved to the full just like a man?
16. Why is understanding God's design for gender so important for us today? How must the church play a significant role in navigating the truth of gender in uncertain times? Why is it important that pastors actually believe God's Word and teach it rather than apologize for it? How grateful are you that you attend a church where the Word of God is heralded every week?
17. What was your biggest take-a-way from the message this week? What does God want you to apply in your life right now?