

EQUIP

Men and women in ministry



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Introduction

Session 1: Men and women are equal

Creation

Genesis 1:26–28 (see 1:2)

Jesus

Luke 8:1–3

Luke 10:38–42

Church

Acts 2:17, Galatians 3:27–28

Romans 16:

Celsus: “[Christians] show they want and are able to convince only the foolish, dishonourable, and stupid, only slaves, women, and little children” (Cels. 3.44)

Questions for discussion

Where might we be tempted to treat men or women as less worthy than the other sex?

How do these verses challenge that attitude?



Session 2: Men and women are different

Equal but Different

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:18-25

Suitable = according to the opposite

Helper = one who comes alongside

Different Roles

Genesis 2

Genesis 3

1 Corinthians 11:3

"But I want you to realise that the head of every man is Christ, the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."

John 10:30 "I am the Father are one"

John 5:19 "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can only do what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."

John 14:31 "I do exactly what my Father has commanded me."

Titus 2

Session 3: Men and women in the church

1 Timothy 3:14–15

1 Timothy 2:8–15

Should learn

Distinct way of learning

Quietness = “attentive silence for the sake of hearing” (see 2:2)—*Robert Yarbrough*.

¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. 1 Tim 2:11–14

As I urged you [Timothy] when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer. 1 Tim 1:3

²Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach. 1 Tim 3:2

He must manage (exercise a position of leadership, rule, direct) his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. 1 Tim 3:4



Should be active

1 Timothy 3:8–11

