

Biblical marriage requires one man and one woman to come together as husband and wife. We are created in God's image, male and female, unique and distinct from one another, and that difference is not something to be devalued but to be celebrated. In biblical marriage, we see one husband and one wife, unique as male and female, united in the gospel.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 11:2-6
 - What does it mean to be distinct in gender roles, but equal in worth? How have you seen today's culture support or oppose this view?
 - When Paul speaks about authority – it has nothing to do with equality. This authority is loving, serving, and life-giving. Is it difficult for you to view authority in this way? Why or why not?
 - During this time, women wore head coverings as a sign of honor towards their husbands. In today's culture, how can women show honor to their husbands and men show honor to their wives?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 11:7-12 - Paul wants us to look at the archetypes (Adam and Eve) and not enforce the stereotypes of gender.
 - Read Genesis 2:18-25. What does this passage teach us about the uniqueness and unity of man and woman?
 - How can we focus on the archetypes (or model) of our respective roles and learn from that?
 - What stereotypes or perceptions of gender roles are most prevalent in our culture? How can we look at those stereotypes with a biblical lens?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 11:13-16 – Biblical masculinity and femininity are far richer than the stereotypes that today's culture reinforces.
 - How does current culture define gender versus how the Bible defines gender?
 - Both men and women are image bearers of Christ. How can we live out this truth?

In your breakout groups, spend some time praying for one another.

NOTES:

OTHER RESOURCES

READY TO GO DEEPER?

Studying God's Character and Attributes

Each week we will study a different facet of God's character. Our prayer is that it will enrich our worship of Him, and that our trust in Him will grow as we seek to follow and glorify Him.

This week we will study God's Goodness

(written by Karin Harper)

I think if we truly believe the extent of God's love for us and His good intentions toward us, we wouldn't have trouble trusting Him. But it's so hard for us to begin to grasp His love and goodness. His very nature is good and His every intention toward us is for our greatest good. Take time to study the following passages:

Psalm 34

Psalm 107

Psalm 145

Matthew 7:7-11

Romans 8:26-39

Titus 3:3-7

What do these scriptures say about the character and actions of God?

How deeply do you believe these truths about God?

In what ways is it difficult for you to trust God's goodness?

How have you seen God display the goodness of His character and actions in your life?

How does knowing God's goodness, allow you to trust Him more?

Outside our Walls

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Safe Families is a faith-based, volunteer movement that provides care to children whose families are in crisis. Host families open their homes and hearts, and support volunteers walk alongside, all in order to reunite families and prevent the need for foster care.

What a great way to share the hope of Christ and to change the trajectory of a child, and a family, in a time of need. If you'd like to find out more, join us for a launch meeting on **Feb. 18th at our Rockrimmon Campus**. You can get all the details at www.Woodmenvalley.org/ServeTheCity

DIVE IN ON YOUR OWN TO GET READY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:17-34