

GroupWork



Bible Study Discussion Starters

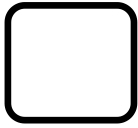
Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. Share a happy memory from the 4th of July, whether it was a few days ago or many years ago!
2. Read the message text (1 Timothy 2:9-15) and look at the message outline to remind you of the message. The Bridge and Traditional Services had different sermons, so you may be discussing different sermons.
 - a. What was memorable from the message? Share it with the group.
 - b. What question did the message raise in your mind? Discuss it as a group.

Have you ever thanked God for difficult topics? Easy topics don't make me examine my own feelings and motives like difficult topics do. I can get away with leaning on my own understanding of an easy topic, but a difficult topic leads me to rely on God's wisdom.

Some difficult topics come up in Mark 10:17-45—the love of money, the cost of discipleship, the danger of pride and greatness through service. Let's examine the actions and attitudes of the people, and the actions and attitudes of Jesus to learn more about our own hearts and the heart of our Savior.

3. Start by reading Mark 10:17-45 all at once. As you read, look for motivation. Read with these thoughts in mind: What does Jesus want? What do other people want?
 - a. How does Jesus show an “others first” attitude? (Look at Mark 10:21, 31, 33-34, 43-45 by following the QR code)

 - b. How do we sinners often show a “me first” attitude? (More help at the QR: Mark 10:17, 20, 28, 35, 37, 41)

4. **The rich young man (Mark 10:17-31):** Which is more important? Wealth in this life or eternal life with him? Do you feel your life reflects your answer?
5. **Jesus' prediction (Mark 10:32-34):** Jesus knew the cost of doing his Father's will. How do his words challenge you and comfort you as you face the challenge of doing God's will in your daily life?
6. **Desire for honor and power (Mark 10:35-45):**
 - a. In what way has Jesus become your “slave”?
 - b. Share examples where you have seen a fellow Christian fulfill this call to be “a slave of all.”



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Unraveling the Mystery of the Roles of Men and Women

I Timothy 2:9-15 (Bible page 1193)

Introduction: Approaching a sermon with fear and trepidation

- A. Biblical principles that must guide us in our discussion:
- Men and women have equal status (or worth) before God, but they have different roles (or jobs to do).
 - A man loves by serving Jesus, and a woman loves by submitting to the man as the church submits to Jesus.
 - The man is the spiritual head, and the woman submits to him (or supports him) as her shepherd leader.
- B. God's original design resulted in g_____ for Adam and Eve and g_____ for God.
- C. God created Adam and Eve with their r_____ in mind.
- D. Since the basis for Paul's teaching goes all the way back to c_____, it is a t_____ principle.
- E. Three f-words from Scripture:
- Adam was created f_____.
 - Eve was created f_____ Adam.
 - Eve was created f_____ Adam.
- F. Both men and women have i_____ and equally v_____ roles to carry out.
- G. Paul gave women g_____ value than was found in the culture of his day.
- H. God desires leaders in the church who have demonstrated their g_____ by how they s_____ their own families.
- I. Paul is simply saying, "When you speak, understand the r_____ God has given you."
- J. When God's design for male leadership is violated, it puts everyone at greater r_____ of being d_____.

Conclusion: Let God's will be done.

My Next Steps

Memorize Romans 7:25 – *Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

Read I Timothy 3:1-13 to prepare for next week's sermon *Aspire to Greater Service*.

Consider ways to love Jesus by serving according to the role God has given you.