

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

1 CORINTHIANS: A BEAUTIFUL MESS

1 Corinthians 11:2–3

June 6, 2021

DISCUSSION 1: INTRODUCTION

1. What are some of the reasons talking about the roles of men and women is helpful in light of issues outside the Church?
2. What are some of the reasons talking about the roles of men and women is helpful in light of questions and issues inside the Church or home?
3. What are things in the culture or in the church that make understanding or living out biblical manhood and womanhood challenging?
4. What are some of the opportunities we have as Christians if we better understand and live out biblical manhood and womanhood?

DISCUSSION 2: HEADSHIP

Read 1 Cor. 11:2-3; Gen. 1:26-28; 2:7, 16-23; 3:9, 16-19.

1. What are some common misconceptions likely to come with terms like “male headship” or “submission”? What are some of your questions tied to the meaning or application of these terms?
2. How does understanding the Trinity, the order of creation, and God’s good design of both men and women help us understand what headship might mean and why it’s a good thing?
3. For men, what are some of the biggest challenges you experience in trying to be “head” of your home?
4. For women, what some of the biggest challegnes you experience in trying to not be the “head” of your home?
5. What is one way you can appropriately apply this passage in the upcoming week(s)?

DISCUSSION 3: MEN AND WOMEN

1. What does it mean that men and women are equal and yet different?
2. Why does the Church need both men and women working and worshipping alongside of one another for a healthy, flourishing Church?
3. What are ways men and women can better relate to one another in the church to serve, encourage, and build up one another as Christian brothers and sisters?