

## **1 Corinthians 11:2-5**

<sup>2</sup> Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. <sup>3</sup> But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God. <sup>4</sup> Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, <sup>5</sup> but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven.

## **1 Corinthians 11:6-10**

<sup>6</sup> For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head. <sup>7</sup> For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup> For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. <sup>9</sup> Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup> That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

## **1 Corinthians 11:11-16**

<sup>11</sup> Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; <sup>12</sup> for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God. <sup>13</sup> Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup> Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, <sup>15</sup> but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. <sup>16</sup> If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

## **1 Corinthians 11:3**

<sup>3</sup> But I want you to understand that  
the head of every man is Christ,  
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## Question 1

In verse 3, Paul depicts an order of "headship." What does "headship" mean? What is the purpose of headship and submission in God's order of creation?

## Question 2

What are the responsibilities of headship? What are the responsibilities of submission?

## **Ephesians 5:25-30**

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> Because we are members of his body.

## Question 3

Are men and women both capable of headship? What if she is smarter or more competent than her husband in certain areas? Can some families adopt different family structures as long as everyone loves one another?



## Question 4

In your work as a counselor, where do you see the beauty of God's created order described in v.3? What are our culture's most common ways to break out of it? What are the ramifications of rejecting God's created order?

## Question 5

In summary, how do you view this passage as valuing and honoring women?

**Question 6?**