

HILL TO DIE ON

WHERE EVERYTHING CHANGED

HILL TO DIE ON PT 4: WOMEN AND THE MISSION OF GOD

The fight for women's equality is well-documented. The 20th and 21st centuries witnessed an exponential improvement in women's rights globally, from the right to vote to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to the allowance for women in combat roles in the military. But what does the Bible say? How does God view the role of women in His mission to save and transform the world?

Big Idea: Women play a central role in the mission of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think women are exalted or demeaned in today's culture? Please explain.
2. How are women portrayed in the Bible? How are women portrayed in the church?
3. With your Bible or Bible App, **read Genesis 1:26-28**. What stands out to you?
4. What does the description "image of God" mean to you? In what ways is human life distinct from animal or plant life? Is there any significance between the blessing God gave humans (vv. 28-30 and the blessing given to animals (v. 22)?
5. With your Bible or Bible App, **read Galatians 3:26-28**. What stands out to you?
6. From **verse 28**, what is God's revolutionary view regarding His children? Why would this radically change the relationships between Jews and Gentiles (Ephesians 2:11-22)? Slaves and masters (Ephesians 6:5-9)? Men and women (Ephesians 5:22-33)?
7. God views that "all are one in Christ Jesus." Identify areas where you see this ignored in the church today. How can Christ-followers promote unity in the body? Discuss the implications this would have on society.
8. Being in Christ should remove every "ism" of division and oppression. In Christ, it doesn't matter what your skin color is, what your income level is, or what your gender/sex is. Are you overcoming racism, cultural bigotry, and sexism? How is this evident in your life?
9. How can we better support the important role of women in the mission of God without falling into the traps of the cultural and political right/left? What does it mean to support women, not as a conservative or liberal, but as a Christian?