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**Honouring God with our Gender Differences
#23 of 33— April 8, 2018**

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) What did you find most significant about this message? How did it encourage you and challenge you?

3) Read 1 Corinthians 11:1-16. From what you understand of the context in Corinth what might have been happening in their worship gatherings that brought dishonour to one another and to God. What are some of the ways we can bring dishonour to God or to others in our worship context? How can we guard against doing this?

4) Read Galatians 3:26-28. What is Paul saying about freedom and identity in this passage? How is our gender different from our identity in Christ? What happens when we find our identity in things like ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and social status?

5) Read Genesis 2:27. What does this tell us about our value as people? What does it mean to be “created in the image of God?”

6) Reflect on the quote from Dr. Petersen. How is this different from what we so often see in our culture? How does this scientific study reflect what the Bible is teaching us? What are the implications for us?

7) Read 1 Cor. 11:11-12 and Ephesians 5:21-33. What do we learn about mutual submission from these passages? How is this important in marriage and in other relationships? What action steps do you need to take to grow in the practice of mutual submission?

8) In what ways do you need to step into your calling as a disciple of Jesus? How can you honour others this week as you seek to honour God?



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
April 8, 2018



1 Corinthians 11:1-16 (NLT) And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. ² I am so glad that you always keep me in your thoughts, and that you are following the teachings I passed on to you. ³ But there is one thing I want you to know: The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. ⁴ A man dishonours his head if he covers his head while praying or prophesying. ⁵ But a woman dishonours her head if she prays or prophesies without a covering on her head, for this is the same as shaving her head. ⁶ Yes, if she refuses to wear a head covering, she should cut off all her hair! But since it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut or her head shaved, she should wear a covering. ⁷ A man should not wear anything on his head when worshiping, for man is made in God's image and reflects God's glory. And woman reflects man's glory. ⁸ For the first man didn't come from woman, but the first woman came from man. ⁹ And man was not made for woman, but woman was made for man. ¹⁰ For this reason, and because the angels are watching, a woman should wear a covering on her head to show she is under authority. ¹¹ But among the Lord's people, women are not independent of men, and men are not independent of women. ¹² For although the first woman came from man, every other man was born from a woman, and everything comes from God. ¹³ Judge for yourselves. Is it right for a woman to pray to God in public without covering her head? ¹⁴ Isn't it obvious that it's disgraceful for a man to have long hair? ¹⁵ And isn't long hair a woman's pride and joy? For it has been given to her as a covering. ¹⁶ But if anyone wants to argue about this, I simply say that we have no other custom than this, and neither do God's other churches.

Galatians 3:26-28 "For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male for female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus."

We always want to be careful that we don't use our freedom in a way that causes others to miss Jesus or misinterpret Jesus in some way.

• Gender difference matters and it is good.

Genesis 2:27 "So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them...31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!"

"During the 1960s, everyone remotely progressive proclaimed that the personality differences between men and women -- if they existed at all -- were merely products of social conditioning. A recent major study concluded the opposite: such differences are large and persistent. Similar results were already reported more than 10 years ago in a cross-cultural study of 20,000 participants. That study also assessed whether gender differences decreased, as predicted, in more egalitarian societies. Surely Swedish men and women would be more alike, given Sweden's commitment to equality. The opposite, however, proved true: gender differences were larger in more egalitarian societies. As society restructures, so that males and females play similar roles, the environmental difference in their treatment decreases. Ironically, this allows the genetic differences to manifest themselves more clearly."

Dr. Jordan Petersen - Professor of Psychology at University of Toronto.

Let's celebrate the beautiful differences between men & women.

• Gender mutuality matters but it isn't easy.

The principle of interdependence is taught clearly in Scripture.

1 Corinthians 11:11-12

Ephesians 5:21-33

Let's submit to Christ and practice mutual submission in all our relationships.

• Gender equality matters and it is progressing.

Big Idea: As a church let's honour one another as we seek to honour Christ in all we do.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).