

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

What Do We Make of This? – 1 Timothy 2:8-15

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – quotes about this passage
2. Why?
3. What?
4. So What?
5. Conclusion – we are to submit to God’s Word and trust He knows best for His church

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- Genesis 2:18 - Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.
- Genesis 2:21-23 - So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh...Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’
- Psalm 33:20 - Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
- Exodus 20:24 - In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.
- Malachi 1:11 - For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering.
- Acts 18 – Priscilla taught Apollos privately the Word of God
- Galatians 3:28 - There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 2 Peter 3:16 - There are some things in them that are hard to understand.
- Romans 5:1 - Therefore since we have been justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

- What preconceived notions about men and women in the church do you have?
- What, if anything, frustrates you about what is said in this passage?
- Why is it crucial that we allow Scripture to guide our approach to controversial matters?
- What can we learn from starting with the ‘why’ question of these commands?
- Why does God give us the guidelines He does with leadership in the church?
- How can we find comfort in understanding God’s order and design for men and women?
- Why is it important remember that this speaks to corporate worship and not businesses, politics, and other positions?
- Why do we struggle to accept God’s role for men and women in the church?
- How does this passage challenge modern thinking about men and women?
- In what ways do you need to submit to God’s design no matter your role in the church?
- Of what sins do you need to repent as revealed in this passage?
- Why must we continue to trust God’s Word especially when we do not like what it says?
- What is the danger of letting culture tell the church how to function?
- How can this passage help you love God more and serve Him more faithfully?