

Study Guide for

1 Corinthians 10:23-33, 11:1-16: God's Order and Authority in the Church

Key Takeaways:

1. God has established an order of authority in the church and home.
2. We are called to imitate Christ in our submission to authority.
3. Men and women have equal value but different roles in God's design.
4. Our actions in worship and church life should reflect God's order.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Phil mentioned that Paul boldly said "Imitate me as I imitate Christ." How can we cultivate a life that allows us to confidently say the same?
2. The sermon discussed God's order of authority: God, Christ, man, woman. How does this order challenge or align with modern cultural views?
3. How can we balance respecting God's established order while also valuing the equality of all people in Christ?
4. Pastor Phil mentioned that angels observe our worship. How does this impact your view of corporate worship?
5. What are some ways we can show proper submission to authority in the church without using cultural symbols like head coverings?
6. How can men exercise godly leadership in the home and church without "lording it over" women?
7. The sermon emphasized that men and women are interdependent. How have you experienced this interdependence in your own life or ministry?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, intentionally look for ways to show respect for the authority structures God has placed in your life (work, church, family, government).
2. Reflect on areas where you might struggle with submitting to authority. Pray for God's help in those areas.
3. If you're in a position of authority (parent, leader, etc.), consider how you can lead in a way that reflects Christ's servant leadership.
4. Look for opportunities to affirm and encourage the contributions of both men and women in your church community.

Closing Prayer

Scripture for Further Study:

- Ephesians 5:21-33
- 1 Peter 3:1-7

- Colossians 3:18-25