

4. What are some ways you can encourage men around you to take responsibility for leading others in living for the gospel? How might you wisely do this if they are lacking in skills or confidence, very busy with work or just self-centred!?

5. What opportunities do you have for showing gospel love to others in and from your home?

Prayer points



God's Good Design

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Discussion Questions

Tick which statements are true for you and explain why you chose these particular statements with your group.

- The teaching about womanhood I have is generally built on biblical principles.
- The teaching about womanhood I have is not generally built on biblical principles.
- I'm not sure if the teaching about womanhood I have is biblical or not.
- I don't think worldly views about womanhood affect me.
- I have strong filters in place so as to minimise unsound teaching on womanhood.
- I'm not convinced that my beliefs about womanhood matters.

Discussion Questions

1. At what points are you most tempted to doubt God's goodness to you as a woman?

2. What messages do you hear about where you should find your value and focus your energies as a modern woman? What are some specific ways gospel truth will make your desires, decisions and focus different to others?

3. How would you explain to a sister in Christ why her relationships with men (especially husbands) are so important

e. Her work

f. Her praise

Women embracing the gospel

TALK: GOD'S GOOD DESIGN #1

What is your instinctive picture of Christian womanhood?

1. In Christ we can embrace God's authority to shape us as women

Can we trust Jesus to shape us as women?

2. In Christ we can embrace God's loving purposes for our relationships with men

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26-27)

a. We are made in God's image – male and female

b. Together we picture God's love

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'. This mystery is profound and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.' (Eph 5:31-32)

c. Probing sameness and difference

d. Sin is truly devastating

e. Embracing God's loving purposes for our relationships with men

3. In Christ we can embrace our unique gospel responsibilities as women

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. 2 Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. 3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. (Titus 2:1-5)

a. That Proverbs 31 woman

b. What shapes and drives her?

c. Her value

d. Her marriage