



Gospel Life Communities Study Guide

1 Timothy 2:8-15

God's Created Order in Worship

Welcome to the Fall 2023 GLC Season! I hope the Lord is blessing, challenging, and encouraging you through this sermon series thus far.

Our weekly studies will have four parts, following the four categories that we've set for GLC's,

and then end with prayer.

Exploring

we will explore God's word together, looking at the actual words of the passage each week.

Digging

we will dig deeper into the word, discussing the context and meaning of the passage.

Growing

we will discuss how the passage is applied to our own lives.

Going

we will discuss how the passage informs, challenges, and encourages our gospel witness.



Exploring

8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; 9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, 10 but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. 11 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. 15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control. 1 Timothy 2:8-15 ESV

1. Have someone pray for the beginning of your study, that the Lord would open your hearts and minds to His word, and read through the passage together.

Digging

1. What is the setting/context for the teaching given in this passage (and chapter)?
2. Looking at verses 8-10, if you had to come up with one main instruction for worship specific to each of the genders, what would it be? (Is the other gender excluded from this?)

Men in worship:

Women in worship:

3. What is an important pre-Christian cultural norm (i.e. in Judaism and even in many cultures today), that helps us to understand about women learning in vs.11?



4. In discussing authority in vs. 12-14, the Apostle Paul's reasoning is not found in culture, philosophy, or the Jewish religious worship practices he grew up with. What is his reasoning based on?

Growing

5. Pastor Paul began the sermon with 3 understandings that Christians should approach texts like this with. They were:
 - 1) We understand that both men and women are created equally in God's image.
 - 2) We understand that both men and women are equally sinful.
 - 3) We understand that God has the divine right to instruct men and women in worship.

Discuss.

6. In discussing verses 12-13 and authority, Pastor Paul says there is no inferiority for women in this. What are 2 biblical illustrations that show that being a "helper" and submitting does not imply inferiority? Is this an easy concept for you to understand/embrace?

7. Why is it important to look carefully at the pronouns used to understand verse 15, as strange as it may sound at first reading? Who does "she" refer to and who does "they" refer to?



Going

8. What is one concept/teaching from this passage that you would like to embrace and put into practice more in your daily life and witness for the gospel, within the church and in the world?

Pray “Kingdom Prayers”

Kingdom prayers are prayers that don't only focus on the immediate need, but also on God's glory. For example, if someone has a sore knee instead of just praying “God, please heal Betty's knee”, you would pray something like “God, please heal Betty's knee so that she can continue to serve you and your people; so that she can continue attend worship services pain free and give you glory for your healing hand.” See the difference?

Some ideas of what to pray for:

- Each other's needs/requests
- King Road's ministries, missionaries, members, and pastors
- Opportunities to share the gospel

