

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

Supplemental Notes

➤ **Three perspectives**

- The Egalitarian Position: Equal in being (or worth) / Equal in function (or giftedness)
Men and women have equal value. Service is based on giftedness, not gender.
Leadership in the church and home is shared.

- The Complementarian Position: Equal in being / Unequal in function
Men and women have equal value, but different roles.
Women should not teach men or serve in any position that has authority over men.
(Soft complementarian: Women can hold any position except senior pastor).
In the home, husbands make the final decisions.

- The Patriarchal Position: Unequal in being / Unequal in function
Women are, by nature, inferior to men and should submit to their authority.

Opening Thoughts, Prior to the Video

1. What has been taught or demonstrated to you about the roles for men and women in ministry? How about in the home? (For a group, this is a good opening question because it does not ask what they think, just what they have experienced or observed. You could go around and say names and answer questions).

2. Do you agree with what you have been taught? If not, what are your views?

3. What is an issue that you would like clarified regarding the biblical teaching on the roles of men and women?



Closing Thoughts, After the Video

1. In your own words, why is biblical mutuality important?
2. Dr. Payne says “We’re tying our hands behind our backs by limiting women.” Do you agree with this statement? Why/Why not?
3. Read the parable of the bags of gold, Matthew 25:14-30. What are the applications to our discussion of mutuality?
4. In this session, we heard of some situations where women have felt marginalized. Have you ever heard of, or experienced, a hurtful situation that a woman endured because of her gender?
5. How could the witness of the church be affected by limiting the service and leadership of women?
6. How would practicing biblical mutuality make a positive difference in the home, church and society?



Additional References

Still Side by Side, pages 1-2, 31-32

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