

# Scripture this week

## 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

<sup>2</sup> Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you.

<sup>3</sup> But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God. <sup>4</sup> Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, <sup>5</sup> but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven. <sup>6</sup> For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head. <sup>7</sup> For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup> For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. <sup>9</sup> Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup> That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. <sup>11</sup> Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; <sup>12</sup> for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God. <sup>13</sup> Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup> Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, <sup>15</sup> but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. <sup>16</sup> If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

## Intelligent Design

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To promote His glory, God has designed us to live experiencing and expressing a healthy interdependence. Working together happily is how God intends us display His love and grace. Men and women have been created by God to have complementary roles.

**The problem in Corinth.**

**Paul tells us about God's design for His family.**

**Why God's interdependent relational design is difficult for some to accept.**

**RCC's understanding:**

## Notes:

## *Life Group Discussion Questions*

Based on 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

For the week of October 17, 2021

### **Reading the Text:**

1. In v. 3, Paul points to a theological principle. Why is he likely doing this?
2. In vv. 4-6, we get more detail about the cultural situation. With out knowing the specific details of what's happening, how does it connect back to v.3? What's happening that is cultural vs. theological?
3. In vv. 7-9, Paul is referencing Genesis 2:18-25. Why does he point back to this particular point in the history of men and women?
4. In vv. 11-12, how does this round out Paul's discussion on the theology of God's design for men and women?

### **Knowing the Full Picture:**

5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-26. This passage is in the immediate context of 'spiritual gifts,' but the truth of Paul's 'Body' analogy is true of gender differences as well. Read it now in the context of our being made male and female.

### **Living It Out:**

6. Are there ways that we worship today that are actually a reflection of cultural preferences that we struggle to realize are cultural and not theological?
7. The idea that God designed men and women with gender-specific roles and responsibilities seems to be increasingly unpopular today. How can we live out this biblical truth in ways that bring honor to God's design?
8. How do we support each other in ensuring that our interdependence and corresponding responsibilities point all of us to putting the honor and glory of God first?