

Homework for the week of March 4th (to be completed by March 11th)

Our study of 1 Corinthians 11 has shown us three big ideas so far:

- Both men and women were praying and prophesying in church,
- They were doing it in such a way that clearly communicated that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of a wife is her husband,
- Headship is as much about nourishing and building up others as it is about authority.

Rather than getting lost in the weeds about head coverings (a worthy topic for a different time), we need to look at the other hugely important passage in 1 Corinthians about men and women in the church – 1 Corinthians 14:33-35.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-40. Summarize the main idea of this passage. (Or, if you had to title this whole passage, what title would you give?)

2. If 1 Corinthians 14:34 and 35 were taken out of context and applied as a strict rule that women must be absolutely silent in church, this would require some changes in our church. List all the ways you can think of that women currently speak or make noise in our church on a Sunday morning.

3. Even very conservative complementarians recognize that these verses don't require that women be absolutely silent in church. Kathy Keller explains the most common view held by conservative evangelical complementarians in her book, "Jesus, Justice, and Gender Roles."

- Read page 15 through 21 of this book.
- Based on Keller's argument, summarize in your own words what 1 Corinthians 14:33-35 really means.