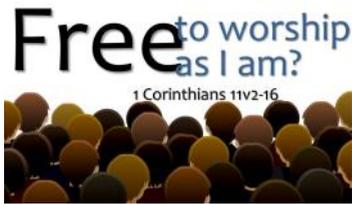


Sunday January 7th 2018



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1 Corinthians 11v2-16

•Life together in church

1. It's mainly about marriage

2. It's about men and women in worship

3. It affirms difference between the sexes

4. We need to see through the 'symbols'

5. Understanding 'head' is important.

- **Relate as God intended (v3)**

- **Respect, honour & marriage in the church (v4-6)**

- **Shameless glory (v7-10)**

- **Distinction**

- **The feeling is mutual (v11-12)**

- **Take a simple look—doesn't it make sense? (v13-16)**

- **A world that moves the boundaries**

Conversation starter:

What do you think is the biggest positive change in our culture in the last 50 years? What about negative?

Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

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Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful. Aim to have a conversation marked by humility!

1. Week by week we seek to listen and submit to God's word (11v1). Why? Is today's passage any different?
2. Read 11v1-16. Within your group what are the different reactions and questions to these verses? How do our life experiences make these harder or easier for each of us?
3. What different ways do these verses describe how we should relate to God? What do these mean practically for us?
4. On Sunday Pete suggested these verses were very counter-cultural as they affirm gender differentiation, especially in marriage. Do you agree? How should this be expressed in the 21st Century? (please be sensitive and wise in your discussion with one another)
5. If in 1st Century church you head-covering/hair expressed something of your relational status and attitude to God, what attitude of heart is Paul expecting from men and women? Why?
6. If 'everything comes from God' (v12), how should this shape the way we see, pray for and worship in church together?

Pray with each other that together we would humbly submit to him as a community of worshippers. Pray for Maggie Mackenzie as she finds her feet in India too.