

UNDER AUTHORITY — LIKE JESUS

1 Corinthians 11:1-16

Ice Breaker: What did your hair look like in high school?

BACKGROUND: The theme of Corinthians is how they work together to do their mission in reaching their culture for Jesus

THE BIG PICTURE: God made us male and female — both in His image — equal, but different. We are all under His authority, just like Jesus.

DIGGING DEEPER:

PREFACE: HOLD ONTO THE TRADITIONS 1 Corinthians 11:2

- Paul confronted the Corinthian Christians: You're getting all your cues from culture and not from Scripture and it's affecting the church. Why is it important to confront these issues?

PRINCIPLE #1 WE ARE ALL UNDER AUTHORITY 1 Corinthians 11:3

- READ GENESIS 1:27 & 2:18. What does God's design clearly show? What happened when sin entered into the world? (Genesis 3)
- What does it mean to be the head? Who is to respect Godly authority? What does it mean to submit to headship?
- How does Jesus demonstrate what it means to submit to headship? See MARK 10:43-45 • PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8
- What did that look like in their culture? How does head-coverings and haircuts demonstrate how they submitted to authority? See 1 CORINTHIANS 11:4-7
- What shows submission in our culture?

PRINCIPLE #2 ROLES ARE NOT DEFINED BY CULTURE BUT BY GOD 1 Cor 11:8-10

- Why is it essential to recognize that gender roles are not subject to cultural change and preference?
- Why do you think Paul referenced the angels in verse 10?

PRINCIPLE #3 MEN AND WOMEN ARE CREATED EQUAL 1 Corinthians 11:11-12

- Why is it essential to understand that being under authority does not equal inferiority?
- What does it mean to be interdependent on each other? How do you show you need each other in your life? Why is this balance so important?

...BUT DIFFERENT 1 Corinthians 11:13-15

- To what is Paul appealing here? How can we glorify God in our differences as men and women?

THESE PRINCIPLES ARE ETERNAL 1 Corinthians 11:16

- Why are these principles not up for debate?

CONCLUSION:

- Is this passage a tough one because it challenges my preconceived notions/opinions? Am I willing to put my ideas aside and hear what God's Word has to say so I can obey it?
- How can we be a faithful Christian who loves God *and* loves our culture? How do we do that especially when the culture and God disagree on a lot of really important issues? How do we engage the culture and shine His light?