

Week of June 8, 2025 - Christ is the Head of Every Man | Small Group Lesson 24

Connect

How does something that is created give glory to its creator? What's something in nature that you find reflects God's glory or magnificent design? How does it do this?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 (CSB)

Read aloud:

2 Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold fast to the traditions just as I delivered them to you. 3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ. 4 Every man who prays or prophesies with something on his head dishonors his head. 5 Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since that is one and the same as having her head shaved. 6 For if a woman doesn't cover her head, she should have her hair cut off. But if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her head be covered. 7 A man should not cover his head, because he is the image and glory of God. So too, woman is the glory of man. 8 For man did not come from woman, but woman came from man. 9 Neither was man created for the sake of woman, but woman for the sake of man. 10 This is why a woman should have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. 11 In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, and man is not independent of woman. 12 For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman, and all things come from God. 13 Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? 14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair it is a disgrace to him, 15 but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her as a covering. 16 If anyone wants to argue about this, we have no other custom, nor do the churches of God.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. Order the authority that Paul mentions from the top (God) down in v.3 and also include v.10. What does the order teach us?

2. While Paul is concerned about several things, what is the most important issue to him: physical appearance or respecting the proper authority? (Ephesians 5:21-24, 1 Timothy 2:11-14)

3. While the verses up until v.10 show a ranking of headship, what does vv.11-12 illustrate? (See also Galatians 3:28.) Why is it important to see women equal in Christ?

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Takeshi shared how various Bible scholars and teachers that he respects see things differently. Why is it important to respect others who hold a different position on non-essential issues? (Again, see Galatians 3:28. For example: How effective would the church be as a witness to the world, if it fractioned over every non-essential issue?)

Discuss 2:
In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul talks about how God has designed different roles for men and women, especially when we pray and worship Him. What are some of the ways you have witnessed in church work together in various ministries to bring God glory in different roles?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.