

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**November 17, 2024**  
**1 Corinthians 11:2-16**



*Read the sermon text (1 Corinthians 11:2-16) together and briefly summarize the main points of the sermon (see outline below). Recapping the sermon text and sermon outline can be a helpful way to start the group, even if everyone did hear the sermon. If someone did not hear the sermon, at least they have now heard the text, or part of the text...*

The Church: Order in a Broken World  
1 Corinthians 11:2-16

**Sermon Discussion questions**

*After briefly reviewing the message outline and text, use these questions to further examine the sermon and to discuss how these truths apply to daily life, so we can “be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22). Based on your knowledge of the people in your home group, **select the questions that will best help you frame the group’s discussion** of this sermon and sermon text. Don’t feel like you need to discuss every question... And feel free to craft some of your own questions.*

**Prime the Pump:**

1. Have you ever been a part of a church that had an (official or unofficial) dress code? What was that like?
2. Did God put anything on your heart during the sermon?
3. Read 1 Cor 11:2-15). The two most common ways that scholars interpret this passage is that “head coverings” refer to either hats or hair. Have you heard of a different interpretation?

**Hats:**

4. In the OT, God established a number of symbols. In the NT God replaced those symbols with deeper truths. Do you agree/disagree that it would be inconsistent to suddenly require hats or veils?
5. In the early church, when the first Jews were converting to faith in Christ, how do you think they felt as the O.T. symbols were being replaced?
  - o Circumcision (Gen 17:10; Rom 2:29)
  - o Ten Commandments (Ex 31:18; 2 Cor 3:3)
  - o The Temple (1 Cor 6:19)
  - o Sacrifices (Heb 10:10-14)
  - o The High Priest (Heb 4:14)
  - o The Priesthood (1 Pet 2:4-5)

**Hair:** Many scholars view this passage as dealing with hair (1 Cor 11:2-9). Read the passage.

6. (1 Cor 11:3) speaks of the order in God's world. Where else have you noticed "Order" in God's Universe?
7. The Corinthian church still practiced pagan rituals (1 Cor 11:4-5). As a sign of mourning, women would partially shave their hair. Men would adorn their hair effeminately. In what ways do you think our modern culture has affected practices among believers?
8. God created two genders (1 Cor 11:7; Gen 1:26-27; 2:21-22). America's culture disagrees with this statement. What events or other influences do you think have re-shaped American culture?
9. God created men and women with different roles (1 Cor 11 :8-9; Gen 2:18). What is your favorite thing about your God-given role as a male or female? How do you see God's wisdom in His design of males and females?

**Harmony:** God has assigned complimentary roles (1 Cor 11:10-15)

10. The wife has a special role (1 Cor 11:10). What do you think helps wives feel appreciated in their roles?
11. God made both genders inter-dependent (1 Cor 11:11-12). How do you see God's wisdom displayed in His design?
12. God made both genders for His glory (1 Cor 11:13-15)
13. How do you think men can best display God's glory? What about women?

#### **14. Application:**

Acknowledge that Christ is Lord of all  
Be thankful for your God-given role  
Live to honor and reflect God's image

15. Why do you think God wanted you to hear this sermon?