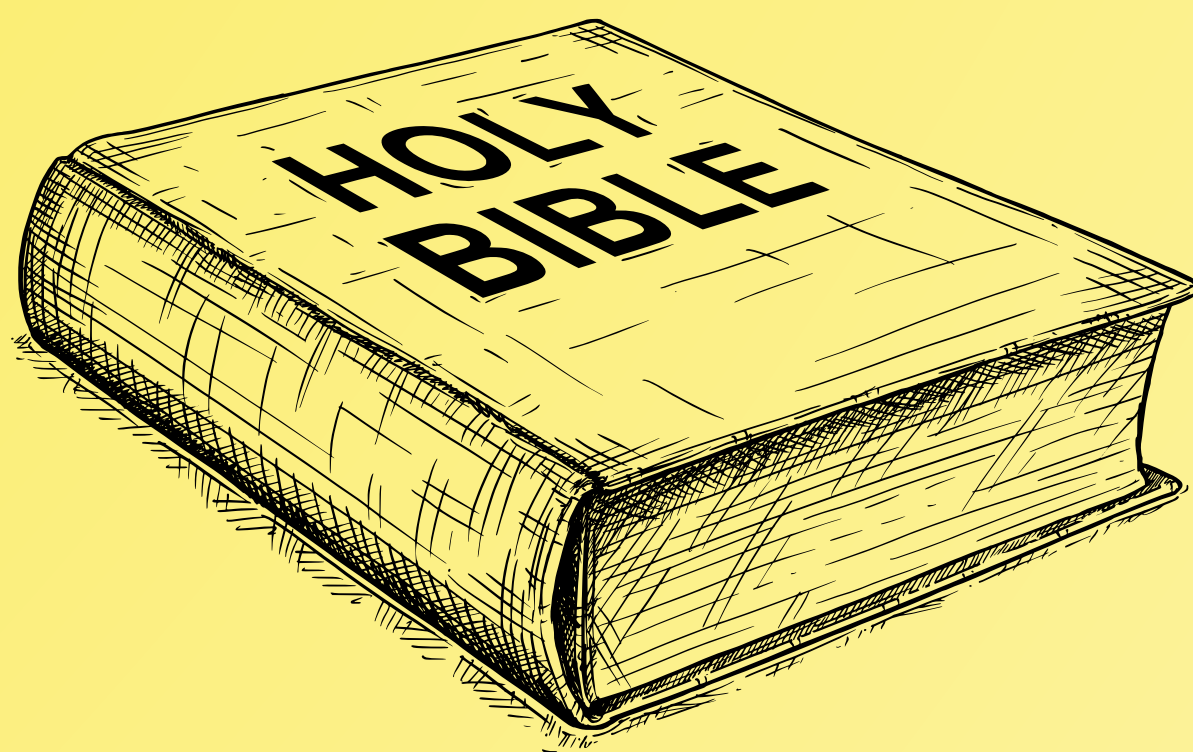


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Weekly Group Discussion

Week 1

Ephesians 4:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Romans 12:6-8

1. What are spiritual gifts? What spiritual gifts do you think you or others might have?
2. What do we learn about God in receiving and exercising our gifts?
3. How do you encourage those around you in their spiritual gifting?
4. How has the Church weighed some gifts more highly than others? How do we as a body counter that?

Mark 16:1-8

Esther 2:17, Judges 4:4, Luke 1:27, Acts 18:24-26, Ephesians 4:11, and Romans 16:7

Week 2

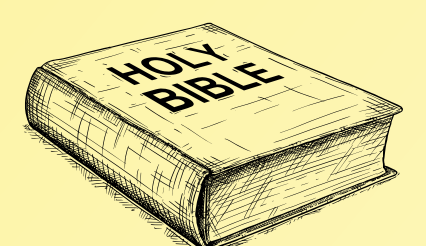
1. What cultural habits and values do you think the Church is susceptible to? How do we as a body counter that?
2. What does God's radical inclusivity of women teach us about Him?
3. Jesus saw and heard women throughout His lifetime. How are we called to do the same?

Week 3

Hebrews 4:12-13

Ephesians 4:11, 1 Timothy 5:17

1. What does it look like to esteem God's word over people who teach it?
2. Who holds power within a Church body? How does that differ from the world?
3. How do you think God hopes we show up on Sunday mornings (or whenever his people meet)? What kind of mindset do you have?



Overview

Question: Does Paul have women in mind when he writes Ephesians 4:11? If so, should women who are gifted in these ways use those gifts to preach and teach in all ministries of the local church, including but not limited to the Sunday morning sermon? If not, what limits and/or liberties should there be for women and non-elders who teach and preach, especially in the Sunday gathering?

Answer: Yes. When writing “teachers” (Gr: didaskalos) in Ephesians 4:11, Paul has women and non-elders who are gifted to teach in mind. Therefore, these gifted-individuals in the local church should teach, including, but not limited to, the Sunday morning sermon. The church should equip them to use this gift.

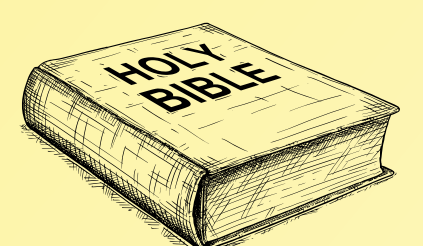
Recommended Resource

- [Ephesians 4 Team Recommendation](#)
- [Elder Response to Ephesians 4 Team](#)
- [Two Views on Women in Ministry](#)

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