

# Got Proof #5

## GOD, is Your Word fair to women

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Part of Connect Group Questions

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This week's teaching addressed how God's written revelation speaks about and encourages women. One recently convened focus group expressed frustration, not with what the Bible teaches but rather with the culture that sometimes is created within some churches; namely, that women are treated as second-class members, even discouraged through being devalued. Admittedly, there is a spectrum of interpretation when it comes to what Scripture says about women, the relationships between men and women, and the matter of roles.

This study's purpose has this focus - How can we at Christ Community Church best encourage women in order to glorify the Lord Jesus and accomplish our mission of connecting people in life-defining (life-changing) relationships in Him.

### GETTING STARTED

Do a bit of CCC ministry assessment. Discuss the following

- *What evidences do you see that CCC, in alignment with Scripture, honors and encourages women?*
- *Do you think CCC (i.e., its leaders and/or constituency) evidences any blind-spots, or perpetuates any un-Scriptural obstacles, when it comes to ministry opportunities for women?*
- *Do you see any "traditional thinking" at CCC that is not the same as "Biblical thinking" about women?*

### IN THE WORD

This week's teaching offered this basic teaching truth:

*Our Creator is crystal clear: He creates women  
to be equal in value and yet wonderfully distinct.*

*Without godly women, our world would be desperately  
incomplete.*

*Through them, we all have a chance to flourish in God's  
will.*

We need godly women to flourish in the will of God – how do the following passages teach this? Read each of these three passages and discuss what you observe in answer to the passages question:

**Genesis 1:26-31** Do you sense that this passage suggests that either gender is more important than the other? What does your answer mean when it comes to what God was calling on human beings to do?

**Genesis 2:5-9, 15-25** Genesis 2 explains the sequence of the creating of the human genders. Unpack these verses this way:

☉ List the steps of the sequence. What happens 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.?

☉ From your observations, can you discern any reasons why God created the genders in a sequence? (take some time with this question!)

☉ What happened (**vs.18**) **immediately** after God's command (**vs.17**) to Adam about the garden's center tree? Do you think there is any relationship between what God observes (**vs.18**) and what He commanded of Adam (**vs.17**)? If so, what is it?

☉ From the verses about God creating the woman (**1:20b-22**), how do they speak to a woman's value?

☉ What do you sense in the man's response (**1:23**) when God brings her to him?

☉ Why do you think Moses was prompted by the Holy Spirit to include **verse 25**? Though a short verse, what does this description of their condition and relationship say to you?

Finally, what do the following passages teach us about **the critical importance of godly women** in various (married or unmarried) roles? What role is found in each passage? What are the strengths a godly woman brings to that role?

© **Proverbs 31:10-31, Acts 1:13-14, 17:11-12, Rom 16:1-3, 1 Corin 7:12-16, 1 Tim 2:9-10, Titus 2:3-5, 1 Peter 3:1-6**

## **MY LIFE - OUR MISSION**

Amy Alsup (*Is the Bible Good for Women?*) writes, “Men and women have been created to sing together—to work in harmony in God’s world to fulfill His plan...we sing in harmony, where each gender’s voice enhances the other, rather than in unison, which meshes the two without distinction.” Larry Crabb (*Men and Women: Enjoying the Difference*) suggests that men feel most masculine when they know they are making a difference, women feel most feminine when they are encouraging stronger relationships.

Finish this study by each person sharing one renewed insight about the value and importance of godly women, a strength they bring that can particularly help “connect others in a life-defining relationship in Christ.”