

ENCORE Discoveries

1. What is the key theme in today's verses? *WORSHIP WITH* _____
2. How did God establish a human "chain-of-command" in creation (v. 11:8, 9)?
3. Does this suggest a superior gender, or does God consider both genders to be equal in essence (though different in function)? See verses 11:11, 12, and Galatians 3:28.
4. What use is this "chain-of-command" or spiritual headship in the family and church?
5. What are some synonyms for "disorder"? Does this help explain why God wants a church that is characterized by "orderliness"?
6. What does the headcovering mentioned in these verses symbolize (v. 11:10)? Do you think wearing this type of clothing was a command from God or merely a custom of that land and time?
7. The issue of hairstyles is also addressed in these verses. What do verses 11:14 and 15 seem to imply, that men *must* have short hair while women *must* have long hair? Or that women should maintain distinctively feminine hairstyles while men sport manly styles?
8. 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 provides additional instruction concerning women in worship. Paul's statement in 11:5 implies that women will prophesy (share God's Word) and pray. When is it appropriate for women to speak in church?
9. Do God's restrictions communicate that women are of less worth to Him? How do you know that is not so?
10. God's main concern in these verses is that we worship Him without confusion and in the order He arranged. How can we lovingly and Scripturally explain this to someone who thinks this passage puts women down or restricts others from worship?

Theme: Worship with Orderliness

Monday

If God put a chain-of-command in place for the human race (and He did), do you think He considers it important? Why or why not?

Tuesday

List several examples of conditions where submission is required, (employment, military, etc.). How do you personally view submission, as negative or positive?

Wednesday

If God has put you in the place of a follower in function (woman) or a leader with headship (man), how are you growing in that role? Can you track specific areas of growth in the past five years? List three.

Thursday

Specifically, what areas as a follower or leader do you need to work on in the coming weeks and months?

Friday

Worship is to be an orderly thing. It is not based upon our abilities or wants, but on what pleases God. This applies to what we do during worship, and who God has appointed for certain things. Think of an area in your own life that needs to be put in order.

Saturday

“LORD, You’ve set an order in place for us in our family and church for a reason. May I grow in my specific role as either a leader or follower. Give me daily grace to glorify You in this area.”
