

Disciples Church

Marriage & Singleness Series - Session 3

Q30. What roles did God ordain for men and women within the family?

Q31. Is man or woman more important than the other?

Week of January 17, 2018

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

1. Looking at the chart in your handout, discuss the differences in the three main worldviews regarding gender.
2. Share how tonight’s lesson and the passages of Scripture we have looked at have helped to strengthen your understanding of God’s design for men and women and/or how it may have challenged some of the ways you have viewed gender roles in the past.

3. Read **Genesis 3:15-18.** What is a creation ordinance, and why is it significant

 that gender roles are a creation ordinance?

1. **MEN**: What are some of the ways you have been tempted to abuse or set aside your responsibility to be a servant leader in your home? What lie are you believing, or what truth are you failing to believe when you give into those temptations?

**WOMEN**: What are some of the ways you have been tempted to abuse or set aside your responsibility to be a loving, submissive helper to your husband? What lie are you believing, or what truth are you failing to believe when you give into those temptations?

1. In Genesis 3, we read that these temptations and failures to live up to our God-ordained roles are a result of the curse of sin. How does the good news of the gospel give us strength and hope to live out our roles as He has designed?
2. Read Ephesians 5:31-33. How can the beauty of God’s design for marriage be displayed even when one spouse is in rebellion to God’s law?
3. Take time to share how your table group can be praying for you to grow in your role as a husband, wife, or single person looking to honor God’s perfect design for marriage. Pray for each other and look for ways to give and receive encouragement and accountability as you work to grow in this area of your life.
* Spend some time in prayer.