

1 TIMOTHY 2:9-14

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. What stood out to you from this Sunday's sermon? Was there anything that was new to you, or anything that surprised you?
2. When you think about women who are positively living out the commands of verses 9 & 10, who comes to mind? What do you learn from them and the way they embody true beauty?
(For further reading: Pro. 3:21-22; 31:30; 1 Pet. 3:3-6; 5:5)
3. What is the typical response to the instructions in verses 11-12? How have you responded to these instructions in the past? After Sunday's sermon, is your understanding of those verses different? How should this different understanding be liberating for women in the church?
4. Men, knowing that certain responsibilities in the church have been reserved for men, does this impact your attitude towards being involved in the ministry of the church? Are you doing your part to help carry the heavy load of leadership, or supporting those who are? What would it look like for you to do so?
5. Women, this passage speaks of quietness and submissiveness, and yet we have seen that, these terms are not as severe as they often sound to our 21st-century ears. What are some of the different learning opportunities available to you at EBC, and are you taking full advantage of them? If not, what would it look like for you to do so?
6. Men and women should both take to heart the command to "learn... with all submissiveness". Who should we submit to in our Sunday morning learning, and how does an attitude of submissiveness change the learning process? (Think of how an attitude of submission might change how many people respond to this very passage.)
(For further reading: Acts 17:11, Ephesians 5:24a, Hebrews 13:17)