

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Prayer

- Pair up into groups of three or fewer for 10 minutes of prayer.

## Introduction

- This week's passage teaches us how men and women can honor God through their conduct in the local church.
- *Who is a couple that models biblical manhood and womanhood well?*

## Read 1 Timothy 2:8

- *What might it look like for a man to lead through prayer in his home and in the church?*
- *What are common threats to holiness for men in our day?*
- *How have you learned to resolve conflict biblically?*
- *What are virtues we can pursue instead of anger?*
- *Men, in what ways do you feel prompted to be a godlier man?*

## Read 1 Timothy 2:9-15

- *How does verse 9 contrast with the world's view of apparel?*
- *Women, do you find it easy or hard to apply verse 9?*
- *Who in your life models modesty well?*
- *What would it look like to 'adorn' yourself with good works?*
- Verses 13-14 are rooted in the Genesis 1 creation story. *How does this help us interpret verse 12?*
- This section emphasizes what women are not permitted to do in the church gathering. *What are some other passages that speak to the ministry women are called to do in the local church?*

Verse 15 interpretations, "Some say that Paul "Has mostly in mind that child-bearing, not public teaching, is the peculiar function of woman, with a glory and dignity all its own." (Robertson) A better way to approach this passage is based on the grammar in the original Greek language. In the original, it says *she will be saved in the childbirth*. This has the sense, "Even though women were deceived, and fell into transgression starting with Eve, women can be saved by the Messiah — whom a woman brought into the world." – David Guzik

## “One-Anothering”

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' "one another" statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21)*