

Week of October 23, 2022

- 1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 2. Paul opens and closes this passage referring to traditions. Should a sacred tradition ever be elevated to a doctrine of the faith? Why, or why not? See, too, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15.
- 3. What specific cultural traditions should believers not participate in because of their actual or implied opposition to Scripture?
- 4. Genesis 1:26-27 tells us that man is made in the image of God, created male and female. In verse 7 Paul says that man is the image and glory of God. Can the full image of God be seen in a man or woman alone, or does a proper understanding of man in God's image require both genders? Why?
- 5. What role does God's curse on man after their original sin (Genesis 3:14-19) play on gender roles today, if any?
- 6. Are there roles within our culture that a Christian man or woman ought not embrace because of the message it portrays about biblical gender roles or authority (i.e. homemaker, soldier, political leader, etc.)?
- 7. Are there roles of service within worship that are appropriate for only a certain gender? See verses like 1 Timothy 2:12, Philippians 4:3, 1 Timothy 3:3, and Romans 16:1.
- 8. Our culture has begun differentiating sex (biological categorizations) from gender (socially constructed roles, behaviors, and identities). Does this passage allow for such a distinction?
- 9. What is a current cultural equivalent to the act of covering or uncovering one's head while participating in worship?
- 10. How can one parent model headship and submission when the other parent is failing in their role, such as being passive, abusive, or absent?