

Better Together: Equal, Unique and Flourishing as Partners in Ministry

We all have different backgrounds

1. Some Presuppositions

About the Word of God

Psalm 19:7-10

2 Timothy 3:16-17

And its benefits

1 Timothy 4:16

2. Men and Women: Equal but Distinctive

a. Equal

- In creation

Genesis 1:26-28

- In sinfulness

Genesis 3

- In our need for redemption

Romans 6:23

1 Timothy 1:15; 2:5-6

b. Distinctive

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:18

- In what sense different?

- Cultural headwinds

3. Our Identity and Purpose are 'In Christ'

- Gender is not our primary identity lens

- Called ones
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:12

- Called to live for the praise of His glory
 - 1 Peter 2:9

- Until Jesus returns
 - 2 Peter 3:10-14

4. Men and Women Partnering for the Glory of God

- To live for the praise of His Glory
 - Ephesians 1:11-12

- Until Jesus returns
 - 2 Peter 3:10, 14

5. Partnering Together for The Glory of God

- Genesis 1:26-28

- What does partnership look like?
 - With God
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:2
 - 1 Corinthians 3:9

 - With others
 - Philippians 1:3-5
 - Philippians 4:2-3
 - Romans 16:3

- Using our gifts to build God's church
 - Matthew 28:18-20
 - 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

- Partners with different roles/relationships/responsibilities

Marriage

Ephesians 5:21-33

Colossians 3:18-19

Church

1 Timothy 2-3

Titus 1:5-9

Maximalists and Minimalists

- Principles that need wise application

E.g. Prayer 1 Corinthians 11

Prophecy 1 Corinthians 11 and 14

Teaching Titus 2:3-4 and 1 Timothy 2:12

6. A Deep Dive on Women Serving the Lord

Some Applicational Reflections

