

What
about...?

CLASS SCHEDULE

September 4	Unit 1	Introduction What about...Women in the Church?
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September 11	Unit 2	What about...Predestination?
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September 18	Unit 3	What about...LGBTQ+?
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September 25	Unit 4	What about...Infant Baptism?
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October 2	Unit 5	What about...Life after Death?
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RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Keller, Kathy. *Jesus, Justice, & Gender Roles*. Zondervan, 2012.

Sproul, R.C. *Chosen By God*. Tyndale House, 1994.

Allberry, Sam. *Is God anti-gay?*. The Good Book Company, 2013.

Chapell, Bryan. *Why Do We Baptize Infants?* P&R Publishing, 2007.

Nodder, Marcus. *What happens when I die?* The Good Book Company, 2013.

UNIT 1

INTRODUCTION

I/ Origins of Confusion

- A. The Church
- B. The Culture
- C. Personal

II/ On Whose Authority?

"Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason - I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other - my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen." –Martin Luther

III/ Theological Triage

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

“The matter of ordaining women is not an issue of justice, but marginalizing them is an issue of *injustice*.” –Kathy Keller

I/ Clarifying the Question

- A. Biblical manhood and womanhood
- B. Serving together and relating to one another in the household of God
- C. Elders and deacons

II/ Biblical Manhood and Womanhood



A. Creation

➤ Genesis 1:26-31

Affirmation #1

“Women are more like men than anything else in the world.
They are human beings.” –Dorothy L. Sayers

➤ Genesis 2:7-25

Affirmation #2

“Eve was not taken out of Adam's head to top him, neither out of his feet to be trampled on by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected by him, and near his heart to be loved by him.” –Matthew Henry

B. Fall

- Genesis 3:1-19

Affirmation #3

C. Redemption

- Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-20

Affirmation #4

- 1 Peter 3:1-7

- Philippians 2:3-11

D. Consummation

- Revelation 19:6-8; 21:1-9; 22:1-5

“There will be a day when the struggle ends and the order of all of creation is fully and finally restored. In our glorified state, the ontological equality of all brothers and sisters will be plain and indisputable. Jesus, the true head, will come back to dwell with mankind, exercising his dominion, care, love, and service to us still. And after all sorrow and strife is wiped away forevermore, we will abide in a perpetual state of worship and appreciation of our Servant King. May God, who is our Help, come quickly and make it so!” –Sarah Viggiano Wright

III/ Serving Together and Relating to One Another in the Household of God

A. Serving together in the household of God

- i. The roles of women in the Old Testament

ii. The roles of women during the earthly ministry of Jesus

“Perhaps it is no wonder that the women were first at the Cradle and last at the Cross. They had never known a man like this Man - there never has been such another. A prophet and teacher who never nagged at them, never flattered or coaxed or patronized; who never made arch jokes about them, never treated them either as "The women, God help us!" or "The ladies, God bless them!"; who rebuked without querulousness and praised without condescension; who took their questions and arguments seriously; who never mapped out their sphere for them, never urged them to be feminine or jeered at them for being female; who had no axe to grind and no uneasy male dignity to defend; who took them as he found them and was completely unself-conscious. There is no act, no sermon, no parable in the whole Gospel that borrows its pungency from female perversity; nobody could possibly guess from the words and deeds of Jesus that there was anything "funny" about woman's nature.” – Dorothy L. Sayers

iii. The roles of women during the apostolic era

Affirmation #5

B. Relating to one another in the household of God

➤ 1 Timothy 5:1-2

Affirmation #6

“Those who cannot conceive Friendship as a substantive love but only as a disguise or elaboration of Eros betray the fact that they have never had a Friend. The rest of us know that though we can have erotic love and friendship for the same person yet in some ways nothing is less like a Friendship than a love-affair. Lovers are always talking to one another about their love; Friends hardly ever about their Friendship. Lovers are normally face to face, absorbed in each other; Friends, side by side, absorbed in some common interest. Above all, Eros (while it lasts) is necessarily between two only. But two, far from being the necessary number for Friendship, is not even the best. And the reason for this is important.” –C.S. Lewis

IV/ Elders and Deacons

A. A question of authority

Affirmation #7

B. Key texts

i. 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Affirmation #8

ii. 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

iii. 1 Timothy 2:8-15

iv. 1 Timothy 3:1-16

v. Titus 1:5-6

Affirmation #9

vi. Acts 6:1-6

vii. Romans 16:1

V/ Conclusion

A. All of this is _____ for us

B. All of this is _____ to God

C. All of this is the essence of the _____

Affirmation #10
