

God's Beautiful Messy Church  
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16  
Discussion Guide: August 28, 2022

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31

- In what way did you live for the glory of God this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What do you typically do when you come across a Bible passage that seems confusing?

*Our text today is a text that some scholars consider to be one of the most difficult passages to interpret and understand in all of the Bible.*

**READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16; Galatians 3:26-29**

- What are your first impressions of this passage?
- What problem do you think Paul is addressing in the Corinthian church? Why do you think so?
- What concerns should Christians have about how they appear in public?
- How does verse 11 and 12 illustrate men and women's interdependence on each other and God?
  - o How does this seemingly contradict what Paul said earlier?
- What are some other texts that speak into 1 Corinthians 11?
  - o What texts affirm some of the things written in the text?
  - o What other texts clarify what this text is not saying?
- Whether this text is dealing with a cultural issue or not, there are many things that take place in worship services that are cultural. How do we discern when a cultural practice is okay and when it is a hindrance in worship?
- What matters most to God about worship in the church?

**APPLY:**

- What truths in the passage apply to us today?
  - o In what ways could this passage be misinterpreted or misapplied?
  
- NEXT STEP: What truth in this text do you need to hang on to this week?

Memory Work:

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female,  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus. - Galatians 3:28

Next Week's Reading:

Free Week

Guest Speaker: Scott Austin (Supported mission: His House)