



## What's with the head coverings? 1 Cor 11:1-16

### Small Group Discussion Questions

#### Warm-Up

1. How have you observed the change in thinking in Australia about the roles of men and women over the last 30-40 years?

#### Read 1 Corinthians 11:1-12

2. Why is it so important to understand the context of the first recipients of the letter before applying it to us? Does this mean that the letter is not also relevant to us? (Why or why not?)
3. How can we properly discern between matters that are culturally dependent and those things which are instructions with the exact same application today?
4. What inappropriate behaviour was happening in gathered worship in Corinth?
5. How is it clear that men and women are different? *Do you think our culture values difference between us?*
6. How is it clear that men and women are equal?
7. How is it evident that men and women interdependent?
8. What do you think are the challenges for men and women today as we seek to follow Jesus?

#### Read 1 Corinthians 11:14-16

9. What is meant by prayer and prophesying? *Who could pray and prophesy? \**
10. Why was it so radical that Paul was permitting (and even encouraging) women to participate?
11. How can we celebrate the contribution of men and women more in the life of our church?

*\* NB – we will explore more about men and women in church when we get to 1 Cor 14*

Pray Our gracious Heavenly Father, thank you that men and women are gloriously and wonderfully different. Help us to celebrate those differences. We also thank you that men and women are wonderfully interdependent – that you have so created us that we wonderfully need each other. Help us please to celebrate that interdependence. And we thank you that both men and women were praying and prophesying. Help us to celebrate all that men and women – as uniquely different - bring to the life of our church. We thank you that there is an order in relationships, and just as our head, Christ, has loved us and served us sacrificially by laying down his life for us; may all husbands love and serve their wives sacrificially, by laying down their lives in their service. All these things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen. <sup>[P]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

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Listen, Watch, and Read

- AUDIO: "Summoned by Grace" by Andrew Sach:  
<https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/51866/>
- AUDIO: "Where's your head" by Charlie Skrine:  
<https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/52422/>
- BOOK (more technical): "The Making of Biblical Womanhood" by Beth Allison Barr:  
<https://bit.ly/2UJ01Ph>

Series Resources:

Some helpful resources for this series:

- Website: "First Corinthians" by the Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/learn/1-corinthians/>
- Course: "1 Corinthians" as part of the Ridley Certificate (6-week online course): [stbarts.com.au/ridley](https://stbarts.com.au/ridley)
- For Families: Bookmark Reading Plan for Families (Weeks 1-9): <https://bit.ly/3uoz4gs>
- Access relevant books in the St Bart's Library: [www.librarycat.org/lib/stbart/search/tag/1+Corinthians](http://www.librarycat.org/lib/stbart/search/tag/1+Corinthians)

