

Vineyard Women Mentoring Month Four

Women and Paul's Teachings

Ice Breakers:

1. What is one thing that surprised you from the last year?
2. What is one thing that you are looking forward to next year?
3. What is one goal that you have for your spiritual walk from the last year?

Reflection Questions:

1. What is one thing that you have learned about yourself during the mentoring group?
2. What is one thing you learned about your leadership during this mentoring group?
3. What is one goal that you have for yourself after this group concludes? What is a positive effect taking action on this goal may have on you and on others?

Discussion Questions

Paul and women in leadership:

Some of the passages in Paul's writings have caused confusion in the church about whether women should be full participants in the worship community.

1. What is your experience with Paul and his view of women?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 , 1 Timothy 2:11-12.
3. What stands out to you about these passages?
4. How do you make sense of the most difficult texts from Paul on the role of women in leadership?
5. As confusing as these passages are to read from a modern standpoint, one thing that is clear is that Paul was not saying women should never speak, teach or lead in the church. We know this because we have concrete examples elsewhere of Paul endorsing women doing exactly these things. It seems instead that Paul was correcting poor choices on the part of some women who were exercising their newfound freedom in disruptive ways. As we live out the freedom we have in Jesus, all of us, women and men, must do so in such a way as to prioritize the spread of the good news about Jesus and God's offer of forgiveness and peace over our own personal desires.
6. Read Acts 18:26 and Colossians 4:15
7. How do these scriptures have to encourage you as a woman in leaders

