

## Beautiful Design Class Schedule

1. God's Wonderful Gift of Gender - January 6
2. Manhood (pt 1) - January 13
3. Manhood (pt 2) - January 27
4. Womanhood (pt 1) - February 3
5. Womanhood (pt 2) - February 24
6. Men & Women in the Home – March 3
7. Men & Women in the Church - March 10
8. Men & Women in the World & Workplace - March 31
10. Sex, Marriage, Same-Sex Attraction & Gender Confusion – April 7
11. Objections to Complementarianism – April 14

### Summaries:

Biblical masculinity is displayed in a sense of benevolent responsibility to work God's creation, to provide for and protect others, and to express loving, sacrificial leadership in particular contexts prescribed by God's Word.

Biblical femininity is displayed in a gracious disposition to cultivate life, to help others flourish, and to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in particular contexts prescribed by God's Word.

*Questions and comments are welcome!*

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### Class 10: Objections to Complementarianism



### *Answering Common Questions*

#### **I. Introduction**

- Proverbs 18:17 – There is disagreement over this topic. Why?
  - Culture
  - Tradition
  - Ignorance
  - Poor Examples
  - Incorrect Interpretation of Scripture
  - Unbelief in the Authority of Scripture

#### **II. Biblical Objections**

1. In Ephesians 5:21 Paul says that all Christians are to “submit to one another.” Doesn't the Bible teach mutual submission? And doesn't that rid us of any idea that husband is the head of his wife?

2. In 1 Tim 2:12, isn't Paul teaching that women can preach/teach, at least under the delegated authority of the elders?

3. Doesn't Galatians 3:28 remove gender as a basis for distinction of roles in the church?

4. Didn't Priscilla teach Apollos in Acts 18:26? Doesn't that show that the early church did not exclude women from the teaching office in the church?

5. Don't you think that all these texts we've studied are simply a temporary compromise with the cultural status quo, while the main thrust of Scripture is toward the leveling of gender roles?

6. What about Deborah's leadership in the Book of Judges? Doesn't that undermine the understanding of gender roles we've seen in this class?

### **(III.) General Objections**

7. Does stressing male headship encourage domestic abuse?

8. If God has genuinely called a woman to be a pastor, who are you to say that she can't be one?

9. It's just not fair.

*Final Reflections... Why does this matter?*