



**Confronting
Controversial
Questions about
Christianity**

This Summer at The Story Church you have the power to select which questions we will address from the pulpit! In FAQ, we'll look to the Bible to answer six controversial questions people ask about Christianity. We hope this series will encourage skeptics and equip believers to "give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15. Vote for next week's question: www.thestory.church/vote



June 14, 2026 - Part 4: What Are God's Gender Roles in the Church and the Home?

What do you typically expect churches and pastors to say about God's prescribed gender roles in the Bible? Why?

COMPLEMENTARIAN vs EGALITARIAN

What is the complementarian view of gender roles in the Bible? Among the passages listed below, which ones seem to support this view?

What is the egalitarian view of gender roles in the Bible? Among the passages listed below, which ones seem to support this view?

- Gen 1:27** - So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
- Genesis 2:18** - Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
- Ephesians 5:22-23** - Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, his body, of which he is the Savior.
- 1 Tim. 2:12** - I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.
- Galatians 3:28** - There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 1 Corinthians 11:5** - "Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered..."
- 1 Cor. 14:3-4** - But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort...the one who prophesies edifies the church.
- Acts 2:17** - "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy..."
- Acts 18:26** - He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.
- Romans 16:1** - I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae.
- Romans 16:7** - Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

What do egalitarians get right? What do they sometimes get wrong?

What do complementarians get right? What do they sometimes get wrong?

Equality without distinction (Egalitarianism) becomes _____.
Distinction without equality (Complementarianism) becomes _____.

In God's Word, men and women are:

- equal in dignity (Gen. 1:26)
- distinct by design (Gen. 2:18)
- mutually dependent (Gen. 2:23)
- commissioned *together* by God (Acts 2:17)

God's design for men and women is neither sameness nor superiority.
God's design for men and women is a _____.

Ephesians 5:22-25 - Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, his body, of which he is the Savior... Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy.

What does it (really) mean for a man to be a godly leader of his wife and family?

***“Our Enemy loves it when men see women as objects
and when women see men as oppressors.”***

How and why have many modern men come to view women as objects?

How and why have many modern women come to see men as oppressors?

Genesis 2:23 - The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman, for she was taken out of man.”

What did Adam see when he first laid eyes on Eve?

How did Jesus treat women in the gospels, and why was that extraordinary in context?

“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: a prophet and teacher who never flattered or patronized them; who never made jokes about them, never treated them either as ‘The women, God help us!’ or ‘The ladies, God bless them!’; who rebuked them without querulousness and praised them without condescension; who took their questions and arguments seriously; who never urged them to be more feminine or dismissed 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 unassuming.” - Dorothy Sayers

Your Notes:



Starts NEXT Monday: Vacation Bible School

Registration is still open for this year's VBS - June 22-25, 2026 from 9am to noon! VBS is open to children in PreK-4 through 5th grade. Visit thestory.church/vbs to learn more and register your children today.



Starting Today at 12:15pm!

Our next Starting Point class begins this Sunday, June 14 at 12:15pm. If you're new to The Story and want to learn more about our beliefs and how to get connected, we hope you'll join us! Stop by the Welcome Table to let us know you're attending and we'll let you know where to go after services today.



Prayer Room Every Wednesday

Every week, we gather at noon in the upstairs Chapel to reflect on God's word and pray in community. This hour-long gathering is all about focusing beyond ourselves and letting God's word shape our thoughts and prayers. All are welcome to attend; come as you are.