



GENDER ROLE STUDY

In 2007, Sycamore View entrusted our shepherds and ministers to address three areas requiring additional clarity as our church moved forward with our mission of **helping people see Jesus**. The three areas were *divorce and remarriage*, *instrumental worship*, and *the role of women in our worship assemblies*. As our church prayerfully moved through these first two areas, we arrived at a point where we believed our understanding was faithful to Scripture.

Over a year ago, the shepherds and ministers began exploring the final area—the role of women in our worship assemblies. Through a variety of settings, we have studied, prayed, fasted, and sought wisdom from other churches that have also reconsidered this important issue. The study has been an exciting, challenging, and sometimes uncomfortable process as any deep, objective study of God’s word often becomes.

After a year of study and exploration, we want to share with and lead you in this study of women's roles in worship assemblies. As we explore this issue, we want to include the entire Sycamore View family in this journey. Our desire is to walk along with you and lead you in some of the studies, discussions, and conversations in which we have been actively involved.

The intention is to study and interact in several ways throughout the month of June. During this time, we will have Bible classes led by shepherds and Josh will deliver three engaging lessons on this study. We will also offer several “listening sessions” to help provide a smaller group setting in which to interact with shepherds, ministers and other members of our family on this topic.

While we are aware that some may feel this discussion is long overdue, we are also aware that others may be hesitant. As a leadership team dedicated to the feeding, leading, and caring for our church body, our shepherds and ministers ask that you please join us on this journey with open hearts and minds. Thank you in advance for your commitment to exploring what God’s word says about this topic together. Throughout this process we want to be faithful disciples who are true to God’s inspired Word.

We believe that true restoration isn’t a destination. Instead, it is the relentless pursuit of engaging scripture and returning to life as God intended. As a family of believers who are actively partnering with God to help restore brokenness both in Memphis and around the world, your prayers and participation are coveted as we seek additional clarity in this study.

In His service,
Your Shepherds

EVENT CALENDAR

Throughout the month of June, Sycamore View will offer several options for study and interaction on the topic of the *role of women in our worship assemblies*. During this time, we will provide Bible classes lead by shepherds, present three sermons, and host four “listening sessions” in Community Room 100 to help provide a smaller group setting in which to interact with others on this important topic.

JUNE 8

- **COMBINED ADULT BIBLE CLASS** (Worship Center)
- **SERMON #1** “The Role of Women in Scripture and History”

JUNE 15

- **BREAKOUT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES** (Choose one of the three below to attend)
 - ▶ **MPAC** (*Youth Room*) – Teens, Young Adults, Smash Club (College), Family Matters, and Renewal classes
 - ▶ **COMMUNITY ROOM 115** (*Iglesia*) – Emerging Families, Young Families, Abundant Life, Sign Praises to His Name, and Family Factory classes
 - ▶ **COMMUNITY ROOM 100** – New Beginnings and Homebuilders classes
- **SERMON #2** “What Does the Bible Say?”

JUNE 22

- **SERMON #3** “Where Do We Go From Here?”

LISTENING SESSIONS (Community Room 100)

- **June 8** (Sunday @ 2pm)
- **June 15** (Sunday @ 2pm)
- **June 11** (Wed. @ 6pm)
- **June 18** (Wed. @ 6pm)