

Questions

1. Think back over our study of First Corinthians 1-10. What are some examples of division in the church at Corinth, and what are some examples of passages that speak correction to those divisions?
2. Have you experienced serious church division? Did you learn any lessons from it that could help you be better at pursuing peace?
3. How might an exaggerated view of Christian freedom have contributed to the head covering issue in Corinth?
4. In First Corinthians 11:3, it says "the man is the head of the woman." What are potential misunderstandings or misuses of that statement? If you're a woman, what is a practical way to show honor to your husband or to another man with whom you participate in corporate worship? If you're a man, how can you build up your wife or another woman with whom you participate in corporate worship?
5. How does the example of Jesus Christ help us to grasp God's design of male headship?
6. What have you concluded concerning the custom of head coverings in corporate worship? Are there other practical ways to communicate a similar message in our culture?
7. Are there societal norms or personal preferences that you've imported into your worship that are worth examining? Has this passage changed anything in how you think about your appearance in corporate worship?

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1 Corinthians

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Appearances Matter

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

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First Corinthians 11:2-16 reminds believers that God cares about our heart attitude towards corporate worship, and the ways that we outwardly approach it, since those externals reveal our hearts.

The Curious Subject of Head Coverings

No specific prior instruction.

Some cultural evidence of men covering their heads in worship.

Some cultural evidence of a feminist movement that might have encouraged head cover removal.

The Important Background of Creation Order

Men & women created in God's image

Man created from the dust of the earth and woman created from man.

Equal in essence, but a willing submission by the woman to male headship, as modeled by Jesus.

Showing Honor to God's Design

The Head Covering Custom

God's Concern for Our Attitudes and Approaches to Corporate Worship