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1. Pastor Mark noted that women have a better standing or thrive in cultures that have been impacted by the gospel. Can you think of places where this is true?
2. We were given three rules of good Bible Study
 - Let the text speak for itself
 - Read the text in context (literary and historical)
 - Let Scripture interpret Scripture

Discuss what it means to let scripture interpret scripture. Can you think of examples where you have used this guideline in your personal study of scripture? Do you use this grid in your own study? What resources are available to use? (Commentaries, CCC library, internet sources)

3. As a group debrief the two views Universal and Particular in 1 Timothy 2:8-15. Do you know of any other views or explanations of the passage?
4. As Mark said, sincere Christians can differ on the role of women in ministry. And while it is a secondary issue (that is, not central to salvation), it can still generate some strong feelings between Christians who see the role of women differently. So how would you respond to a Christian friend who said to you that CCC's and the C&MA position on the role of women is non-biblical and, therefore, wrong?
5. If you have a daughter, granddaughter, niece, or teach/interact with girls or young women, what would you say to encourage them if they expressed an interest in being in ministry? And what would you caution them about?
6. What have been your biggest learnings from the series? Did the series help you in understanding the role of men and women in ministry? Is there a question you still have? Have you changed your attitude or position?

A big takeaway from this series is that God wants all of us to be fully engaged to reach our community for Christ.

Hebrews 10:23-25 *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

Consider how your group can live out these verses. Is there a need to encourage one another in studying the Bible, figuring out ways to take the gospel message into the work environment, helping one another utilize spiritual gifts, find ways to love family members that are not following Christ, pray for those that are wavering in faith—the list can go on.