

ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS

WEEK 7 – GENDER AND MINISTRY

HELPFUL PRE-READING/WATCHING

- [This brief article on Complementarianism by Paul Grimmond](#)
- [This article “Complementarity and Mutuality in Ministry” by Andrew Prideaux](#)
- [This article on women’s ministry in the context of church and gifts by Sam Emadi](#)

THIS IS A VIDEO BASED SESSION. THESE NOTES SUMMARISE THE MATERIAL FROM THE VIDEO.

WATCH

Watch the introductory comments on the video, which note the potential for differences of opinion in this topic and how [not!] to handle them.

DISCUSS

Why does the issue of women’s ministry generate so much heat? How can we avoid judging or treating others with contempt when they see things differently to us? How can we avoid causing division within the church over issues like this?

WATCH

Watch the next (very short) section of the video, which invites reflection on the sermon and relevant Bible passages.

DISCUSS

Pull out your sermon notes, read the Bible passages together again, and discuss anything from the sermon that you found enlightening, challenging or puzzling.

WATCH

Watch the next brief section of the video, which reasserts the need for both males and females to be active in the body of Christ.

DISCUSS

What would be lost if the ministry of women in the church faded away? And then, what would be lost if the ministry of men in the church faded away?

WATCH

Watch the next section of the video, which asserts and broadly describes a complementarian approach to ministry in the church.

DISCUSS

Firstly, how big a deal is working out a complementarian pattern for ministry in a church? Secondly, in what ways can we get this wrong?

WATCH

Watch the final section of the video, which notes the need to order our ministry as best we can under biblical principles with the people we have such that we all complement one another.

PRAY

Spend some time praying now:

- Pray for the ministry in our church
- Thank God for the women and the men
- Thank God for all the gifts
- Pray that our ministry can be harmonious, and ordered well
- Pray that we can glorify God by serving the gospel together