

Week 19 Discussion Questions

Text: 1 Cor 11:2-16

Icebreaker: What's your favorite type of hat? Do you have a specific hat you can't live without?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out to you from the text or from the sermon you heard Sunday?
2. Paul's instructions relate to the regular worship gathering in Corinth but include specific cultural details that sound odd to us now. What do you think is most clear from the passage?
3. What do you notice about the instructions Paul gives to men and women regarding head coverings in a worship setting?

Application: There's a lot we may not understand here, but one clear insight is that distinctions between men and women ought to be reflected in worship rather than diminished. Do you see the church today valuing and maintaining the unique differences of men and women? Explain.

4. *Application:* Verses 7-9 and 11-12 speak of the differences between men and woman but also of their interdependence. Why is it important to emphasize the dependence of men and women on each other as we also talk about their differences?

5. *Application:* Most scholars believe the core issue in these verses has to do with physical attire that distracted from God's glory during worship. What can distract us from giving our undivided attention to God's glory in our own worship settings today?