

Group Discussion Guide: Dear Church | November 20, 2022

Open with prayer (5 minutes).

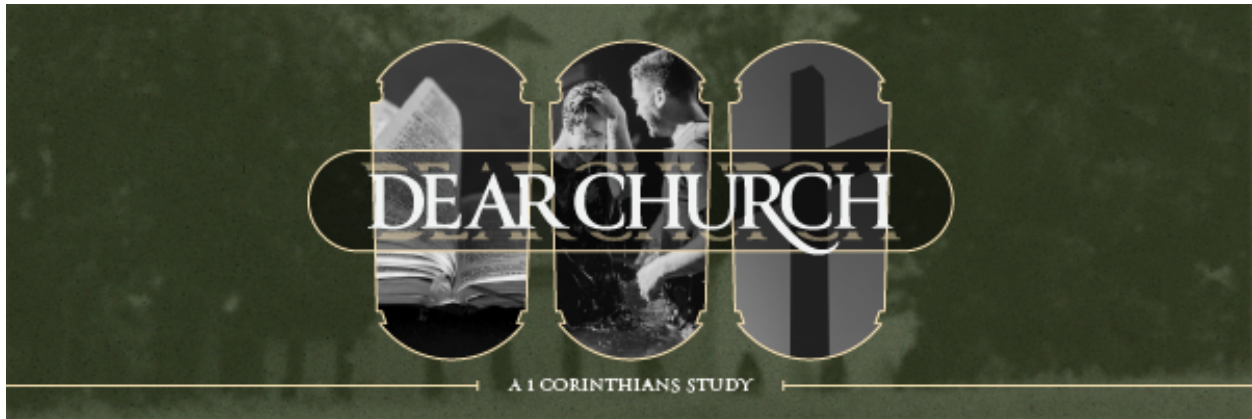
Take a few minutes to acknowledge God's presence as you begin your group time. Ask Him to help your group have a good discussion and to help you internalize the Scriptures.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 aloud for your group and debrief the sermon (30 minutes).

Select a few of these questions to help you discuss through the sermon. You may even come up with a few questions that would be good for your specific group to discuss.

- In **verse 3**, Paul points to different instructions for men and women regarding head coverings. According to this verse, who does Paul say the “head” of man is? Who does he say the “head” of woman is? Who does he say the “head” of Christ is?
- As you go back through these verses, what are the specific commands that Paul says to the men (**verses 4 and 7**)? What are the specific action steps that Paul says to the women (**verses 5 and 9**)?
- What is the specific context for head coverings that Paul gives in this passage (see **verses 4-5**)? When does Paul require the use or non-use of head coverings?
- Honestly, how does reading a passage like 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 make you feel initially? Write out 1-3 words.
- When it comes to Scripture that conflicts with how you feel, do you sense a willingness to submit to it or, if you're honest, do you try to make Scripture submit to you? Why is that? What would you like to be true of you?
- In his sermon, Dan said that (1) because men and women are made in the image of God, they have equal value, worth, and dignity; and (2) men and women were designed to be different, and each reflect God's goodness and glory in unique ways. How do these things two things compare to our culture's view of them?
- As a man, who in your life has set a godly example of what it means to be a man? As a woman, who in your life has set a godly example of what it means to be a woman? How has their example affected your relationship with God?

As you wrap up your group time, take a moment to pray. Instruct your group to have a moment of quiet. Have them quietly ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind something from this night's discussion that they need to carry with them from this place.



After a moment of reflection, have each person share with the group what they're taking away from the night's discussion.

Break into gendered accountability groups (20 minutes).

For the women: Dan's message mentioned several attributes of godly womanhood.

- Wisdom
- Nurturing
- Quietness
- Submission

Which comes easiest to you? Which is most difficult? How can we help each other grow in these things?

For the men: Dan's message also mentioned several attributes of godly manhood.

- Pursuit
- Provision
- Protection
- Prayer

Which comes easiest to you? Which is most difficult? How can we help each other grow in these things?

Finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.