

FEMALE LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

When Jesus started the movement he called “the church”, he did something radical for his day. He invited women to join his traveling team of disciples, training them to become leaders and teachers in the church. Following Jesus’ example, CityChurch seeks to train and empower the next generations of boys and girls, of men and women as leaders and teachers in Jesus’ movement.

We also believe that being a woman should not exclude them from any leadership role within the church or prevent them from exercising any spiritual gift in the church. We believe females can lead as elders, pastors, ministers or teachers of the Scriptures serving the whole congregation, men and women.

We believe that a very few isolated statements made by the Apostle Paul have been lifted completely out of their historical and cultural context and simplistically applied to all Christian women forever in every culture. We believe verses like 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:11-12 pertain to specific issues Paul felt a need to address in specific churches in that day and do not apply to all Christian churches in all settings for all times.

For a more detailed explanation about why we believe what we believe about female leadership in the church, please watch our 3-week series entitled “JESUS AND WOMEN” on our YouTube site or our website. In this teaching series, our Lead Pastor presents the biblical reasoning behind our beliefs about women as leaders in Jesus’ movement.

If you do not believe what we believe about female leadership in the church, you are still welcome to become a part of the CityChurch movement. We simply ask that you not become divisive about your personal beliefs that may differ from our own.