

Read:

Genesis 1:27 // ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:18 // ¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.

Galatians 3:28 // ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Big Questions:

- What is feminism? Is it good, bad, or neutral?
- How should the Church respond to feminist movements?
- How does gender affect our roles, rights, and dignity?

Teaching Points:

- Man and woman are created in equal dignity, each in the image of God, neither superior to the other
- Men and women are designed to work together in harmony and interdependence (further shaped based on your complementarian/egalitarian beliefs)
- Modern, radical feminist (distinct from classic feminist) movements seek to remove any difference between male and female and to overthrow perceived patriarchal societal norms

Discussion Questions:

- What is something you are really good at? What is something you're really bad at? What about your strengths and weaknesses?
- How do you think men and women are different? Are these things good, bad, or neutral?
- How does Jesus treat women in the bible? Find some specific examples. What does his interaction with them in his ministry model for us?
- What is 'feminism'? How do you feel about the movement? Where is the extreme?
- What does 'equality' mean for you or look like practically? Do you think we should be equal in all ways?
- Do you think women have achieved equality? What steps towards equality have we taken already, and what steps are still to be taken?
- The new wave feminism is focused on the independence and self-autonomy of women and their bodies. How is this different from the biblical understanding?
- What steps can we take now as a community? How do we need to change our perspective, our attitudes, and our actions to better align with biblical truth?

Recommended Resources:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org/feminism-Christian-feminist.html>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/our-pro-woman-complementarian-jesus/>
- <https://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2017/march/god-feminist-ideals-is-bible-good-for-women.html>