

## Women's Bible Study Discussion Questions

### 1 Timothy 2

1. Take another look at chapter 1 listing the passage's main themes. How do the themes of chapter 2 advance those ideas?
2. What does Paul command in 2:1-3? How is that command connected to (or a prerequisite for) verses 4-6?
3. Find all the times Paul says "all" and "everyone" (vv. 1-6). What does this language tell us about God? How is this both comforting and challenging for you personally?
4. Throughout this entire chapter, Paul instructs Timothy in how to lead the Ephesians in forms of worship. Paul divides his instruction by gender, first addressing his concerns about men and then about the women. What problem interferes with the men's worship of God (v. 8)?
5. In verses 11-12 Paul addresses the role of women in teaching and worship. In these verses as in Ephesians 5:22-24, Paul describes how God's original design for men and women expresses itself during worship with gifted men exercising authority as teachers before the congregation. How do you respond to Paul's instruction on the distinct roles for men and women during worship? How do we as believers reconcile his teaching with our preferences that are so strongly reinforced by our culture?