

CROPPED 2

That's in the Bible?!?

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Discussion
Gu'de

"Oppressed"
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CROPPED: *The Bible Sees Women as Worthless*

COMPLETED: God Honored the Identity of Women

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- ***Remember, we're mixing things up a bit:*** Sometimes in the midst of our challenges and struggles we miss what God IS doing in our lives. Therefore, for this cycle, we're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
CROPPED: The Bible Sees Women as Worthless
COMPLETED: God Honored the Identity of Women
- This Week's Object Lesson:
[Print out the attached image (or share this PGDG) for your Pr'me. Close one eye and look at the image with your eye at the long side (landscape). What do you see? Now turn it 90° (portrait). What do you see?]
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:34
 Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. (NIV)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- The *Cropped 2* series is all about why we can trust the Bible, *even though it may look strange from our perspective*. Read each cultural perspective, then have someone read each passage about women:
 - *Early OT World*: women did not have value or worth, but men did
 - **God: Genesis 1:27**
 - What does the creation of humans say to that cultural perspective?
 - *Early OT World*: men are the “heroes of the story”
 - **God: Joshua 2:1-15**
 - How does God using Rahab go against the cultural perspective?
 - *Jewish Culture*: only men were important in family trees
 - **God: Matthew 1:1, 5-6**
 - What 3 women were included here? Why was this a big deal?
 - *Pharisee Assumption*: God would reveal the Messiah to a man
 - **God: Luke 1:26-38**
 - Who was the first to hear about the birth of Jesus, the Messiah?
 - *Jewish Culture*: men did not talk to women in public
 - **God: John 4:6-9, 27**
 - What did Jesus do here? What happened because of it in v. 39?
 - *Roman Culture*: only men were trusted messengers
 - **God: Matthew 28:1-10**
 - Who were the first to announce the resurrection of Jesus? How did the disciples respond according to their culture in **Luke 24:9-12**?
 - *Greek Culture*: only men should be taught
 - **God: 1 Timothy 2:11**
 - What was the emphasis here? Was it about being silent?
- While the Bible is *completely* inspired & useful (**2 Tim. 3:16-17**), we can't read it as if it was written in the 21st Century. In each passage above—how can our cultural perspectives skew our understanding of each one?
- Be honest, when something that you read in the Bible doesn't fit your cultural perspective, how do you respond? What *should* you do?

