

What God Says About

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss how we can honor the women in our lives. Discuss the importance of respecting and co-laboring with women for the sake of the gospel.

ICE BREAKER



Who was the most influential women in your life as a child/young adult? What is one of the most important things they taught you?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Proverbs 31:10-31 | ESV

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| <p>¹⁰ An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.</p> <p>¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.</p> <p>¹² She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.</p> <p>¹³ She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.</p> <p>¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.</p> <p>¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.</p> | <p>¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.</p> <p>¹⁷ She dresses herself^e with strength
and makes her arms strong.</p> <p>¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.</p> <p>¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.</p> <p>²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.</p> <p>²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.</p> |
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Continue reading Proverbs 31:22-31

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Godly women are an essential part of the world, the church, and the home.

Key Question: How should we honor the women in our lives?

1. Acknowledge her value. (vv. 10-12)
2. Affirm her work. (vv. 13-27)
3. Applaud her character. (vv. 28-31)

DISCUSSION



- Read Genesis 1:26-27. Humanity's value is tied to our divine image-bearing status. How do men and women equally, but uniquely bear the image of God?
- Proverbs 31:10-12 teaches us to acknowledge the value of women. What would be missing from our church/community if women were not a crucial role in our church?
- Proverbs 31:13-27 shows that we are to affirm the various works of women. What would it look like for us to greater affirm the work of women in our lives? What are works that we could do better at acknowledging and affirming in our church?
- At the end of Proverbs 31, King Lemuel praises the woman because she fears the Lord and finds her beauty through her character. What character traits should be praised? Who are women you have seen exemplify these characteristics in our church?
- Read **Romans 16:1-2**. How does Paul honor Phoebe and her work in the church? What would it look like for us to holistically support women in their value, worth, and character?

LIFE APPLICATION



Scripture teaches that women are made in the image of God, are co-laborers for the gospel, and are worthy of honor. What are ways you can intentionally honor and value women in your life this week?

Dot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


