

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Tough Question 11 – Isn't God sexist?

1) Have you ever encountered blatant sexual discrimination or harassment? How did you deal with it?

2) Read **Ephesians 5v22-24**. What do you think was the most important thing Rich said on Sunday? Why?

3) Read the rest of the passage **Ephesians 5v22-33**.

a) What does this passage tell us about Jesus? What do you think we can learn from this passage about how Jesus feels about the church?

Read **Matthew 20v25-28**.

b) What do these verses tell us about leadership? How did Jesus serve us?

c) Read **John 6v38**.

i) Write down several specific ways/ occasions where you think Jesus submitted his will to the Father's will?

ii) In what ways/ on which occasions do you struggle to submit to God?

iii) In what ways/ on which occasions do you struggle to submit to people leading you? (eg: *husbands, parents, church leaders, your boss etc*)

iv) Do you think you should submit even when you disagree with leaders? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **1 Corinthians 11v2-16**. This is a difficult passage to understand, however, there is a whole sermon on it in our 'Messy Church' series ('Play your position', **1 Corinthians 11v2-16**, 24th May 2009) available from the Media section of the website. This will give you some help if you need it.

- a) What do you think **verse 3** means by the word 'head'?
- b) Why do think Paul seems to be concerned about women having their heads covered when praying or prophesying in Church? [See especially **verses 5&10**]?
- c) What does this passage tell us about the different roles of the husband and wife in marriage?
- d) What does this passage tell us about God?
- e) What does this passage tell us about Jesus?
- f) How could you personally live out the principles taught in this passage?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Next week is the final week of our **Alpha Course** and we're still having a great time with the four guests. As the course is coming to a close, please pray for the guests to personally meet with God and to take the bold step of trying a Sunday morning if they haven't already.

Please **pray for Al** as he begins his work with us next week. Please pray that he will settle in well and quickly feel part of the church. Also pray for Harriet and their children Sophie, Joseph and Ben as they adjust to living in their new home.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the **Freedom in Christ Course** which was due to be starting **Wednesday 24th April**. As soon as we have another date we will give details.

Don't miss the **Church Lunch** on **Sunday 21st April** to welcome the Pickering family! This will be straight after the morning service.

Exploring Membership Day is on **Saturday 27th April** from **9.30am - 5pm**. If you haven't already booked in and would like to come please contact the office ASAP!

The **Wine Tasting Evening** is almost here! It's on **Saturday 27th April** at **7.30pm**. Tickets are £8 and include wine and cheese. Hurry and get your ticket if you haven't already.

Berlin Camp 2013. Nigel's Church in Berlin is holding their first church camp on the **18th - 21st July 2013**. It would be really great if we could get behind Nigel and his team and support them in this. If anyone would like to help with worship, youth, kid's work or even if you just want to go along to camp then you'd be really welcome. This is a great opportunity to build the connection between our two churches. Please contact the office for more details.

We are having a **Prayer Week** on the **12th - 18th May 2013**. Here are details of the individual events during the week:

Sunday 12th @ 7.15pm	Prayer Evening (<i>Please note: There will be no prayer meeting on Sunday 5th May</i>)
Wednesday 15th @ 7.45pm	Men's Prayer
Thursday 16th @ 7.45pm	Women's Prayer
Saturday 18th @ 8am-10am	Prayer Breakfast