

From the Elders

OUR STUDY HAS BEGUN

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Our congregational study of the women in the church has officially begun. We hope you had the opportunity to hear the “Elder Interview” during our combined adult Bible class on September 18. During that class, we attempted to communicate some extremely important items. Chief among those items was a call to remember and trust in the faithfulness of God. Our God has always been faithful to the Glenwood family, and we wholeheartedly believe this moment in our history will be no different. We believe God will not only protect us during this challenging study; we believe God will actually deepen our relationships with each other and grow our relationships with Him.

In case you missed it, or if you would like to watch it again, you may watch the Elder Interview at any time by accessing the Glenwood app or by looking at our website. In fact, we have developed a specific page on our website filled with numerous resources related to our study. Here is the specific address for that material: <http://glenwoodchurch.com/resources/women-in-the-church>.

Our next opportunity to engage this topic together will be October 9 during another combined adult Bible class. Jeff Childers, Carmichael-Walling Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity from ACU, will debate HIMSELF on this issue. Yes, you read that correctly! Jeff presented a lecture at the 2014 Pepperdine Bible Lectures entitled “What’s a Woman to Do? A Debate on the Public Roles of Women in the Church” in which he provided an in-depth look at various views on this topic in the format of a debate. Not only does Jeff do a wonderful job of helping us see the many sides of this discussion; he also presents this material in a highly entertaining and engaging way. You will not want to miss it.

Later that same day, on October 9, at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel, we will host our first Listening Group. We realize that as we move through this material together you will have thoughts, reflections, concerns, and insights. On the afternoon of October 9, a few of us will be available simply to listen. We will not be able to answer every question you may have, and we may not even have all of the answers you are looking for; nevertheless, we want to hear from you. What are your concerns? What are your excitements? What are the challenges or blessings you see? In what specific ways may we pray for you and the church as we move forward? If you have something to share, we will be there to listen on October 9.

We continue to pray that God will bless us, guide us, protect us, and lead us as we do the important work of studying His Word together.

In Christ,

Your Shepherds