DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: Do you think the general population is better off or worse off than it was fifty years ago? Why?

OVERVIEW: Think of the really famous women today. Hillary Clinton; Ellen Degeneres; Robin Roberts; Lady Gaga; Miley Cyrus; Katy Perry; Nancy Palosi. These are not exactly good examples of a godly woman. So what is a godly woman? Fortunately the Bible has some crystal clear instructions about the qualities of a godly woman, especially in Titus 2:3-5. In this discussion we will go deeper with what it means to a godly woman in the twenty-first century.

- 1. **Read Titus 2:3-5**. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
- 2. The sermon explored the 11 qualities of a godly woman found in Titus 2:3-5: Reverent in behavior; not a slanderer; not a slave to excessive drinking; a mentor to young women; loves her husband; loves her children; sensible; pure; a homemaker; kind; and submissive to her husband. Which of these qualities is most lacking among women today? Explain.
- 3. Which of the eleven qualities is the most controversial today? Explain.
- 4. Which of the eleven qualities is the most challenging for you personally? Explain.

- 5. Read Proverbs 31:10-31. Which quality or qualities are you most surprised to see in a description of "a wife of noble character"? Explain.
- 6. Comparing yourself to the Proverbs 31 woman, how do you need to grow the most? Explain.
- 7. Read 1 Timothy 2:9-10. What does this passage teach about Biblical womanhood? Why is modesty important? How do you need to change to better apply this passage to your life?
- 8. Read 1 Peter 3:1-4. According to this passage, what is the motivation for the godly qualities of submission, reverence, modesty, and a gentle and quiet spirit (see verse 1)? How do you need to grow in these qualities?

The Last Word: "Working at home does not prohibit working outside the home, but it does indicate that Paul expects wives to carry the primary responsibility for the day-to-day care of their homes and children." *ESV Study Bible*

