

Cultivate Reflection Guide

She Her | Why We Need Women to Lead
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The Bible teaches that God created mankind in His image; male and female He created them. While gender is sacred and unchanging, the historical roles of men and women in the church have varied over time. Together, we'll discover what the Bible teaches about the role of women in the church.

Our Reflection Guide is a tool to help you grow spiritually wise, relationally kind and emotionally healthy. Use it to reflect and respond to the weekend message as you cultivate personal spiritual growth, lead your community group discussion or start a conversation with a trusted friend as you grow together. Pair it with your bible, a journal or any resource that helps you learn. *It's not about getting through the content, but getting the content through you!*

God's Loving Gaze

Read: [Judges 4:1-3 NLT](#)

Dig Deeper Opportunity: [Psalm 34:17-18 NLT](#), [Psalm 25:8-10 NLT](#), [Proverbs 15:3 NLT](#), [Psalm 121:8 NLT](#)

Reflect: The book of Judges isn't a feel-good tale, but it reminds us that God hears the cries of his people and never ceases to have his eyes on us. God isn't afraid to enter into hardship, grief or difficulty with us, even working on our behalf through them. How does that perspective on God's unwavering presence encourage you?

For His Glory

Read: [Judges 4:4-9, 14 NLT](#), [Luke 22:24-27 NLT](#)

Dig Deeper Opportunity: [Psalm 84:11-12 CEB](#), [Proverbs 3:1-6 CEB](#), [Proverbs 31:26 NLT](#)

Reflect: If we desire to lead for God's glory, we let His purposes prevail over our preference. Think about a time in your life when you exchanged your plans, ideas or even hopes to follow where God was leading you. This could have been a willing or a reluctant choice. What did you learn? Would you do anything differently?

Respond: Is there anywhere in your life you need to surrender personal preference [a.k.a. release control] SO THAT God can give you more influence to speak or lead on His behalf? If servant leadership is a desire of your heart, ask Jesus – who modeled it perfectly – to show you where growth begins for you.

Empowered to Lead

Reflect: While Deborah and Barak had unique gifts and strengths, God needed their combined talents to achieve His victory. Where in your life has God used your gifts to help lead and empower others, even making them stronger and better? This could be in your home, relationships, workplace or community.

Be REAL: As you consider the places you lead among or alongside men, are you willing and confident to share wisdom or counsel? If so, what has contributed to that confidence? If not, what obstacles have stood in your way?

Live it Out: Look for ways you can lead with meekness [power under control], courage and kindness in your sphere of influence. Don't discount or neglect how God can use your voice to make a difference!

Cultivate Prayer:

Lord, thank you for revealing the unorthodox realities of your kingdom, specifically in why women are needed to lead. Help me remember that my God-ordained wisdom and insight are powerful, and when used for your glory, my leadership embodies your voice and empowers your people. Give me the humility and courage to step into your calling for my life, and to steward my leadership with a servant's heart. Amen.