

## **God's Daughters and Missional Servant Leadership** (by Bill White 2/22/21)

Some Biblical observations and foundations:

1. God wants the Great Commission fulfilled by all believers, male and female, Matthew 28:18-20
2. God's Holy Spirit came in power on all believers, male and female, gathered in the Upper Room on Pentecost and they all bore witness to Christ in the languages of the world Acts 2:3-4, 17-18
3. All believers, male and female, form God's kingdom of priests  
1 Peter 2:9, Exodus 19:6
4. All believers, male and female, are gifted with spiritual gifts from God to serve in, through and as the body of Christ to fulfill its mission  
1 Cor 12:4-11, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Cor 12:12-26
5. Scripture shows the above functions happening with both male and female believers in the New Testament Matthew 28:6-8, Acts 21:9, Romans 16:3-5, Acts 18:26, Romans 16:1-2, Acts 16:14-15, Phil 4:2-3
6. Jesus affirmed males and females functioning in ministry servant leadership Luke 10:39,42, Matthew 28:9-10, John 4:39,42
7. Scripture speaks with authority to our lives as it is understood and interpreted first in its context and then applied to our lives today  
2 Tim 2:15, Acts 9:30-31, Nehemiah 8:8
8. Scripture must be interpreted through Jesus Christ to be applied appropriately to our lives  
Gal 3:28, John 1:14, Hebrews 1:1-3, Romans 8:29-30
9. Scriptural expectations of women in service must be built consistently upon the above realities as we fulfill our mission in our cultural context  
1 Cor 14:34, 1 Tim 2:12 (8-15)
10. Fixing our eyes on Jesus first (Matt 6:33) and then focusing on the most effective ways to fulfill His mission (1 Cor 9:19-23) are filters through which we must interpret meaning and methodology for us
11. Credentialing for vocational ministry service and leadership will involve the processes of licensing, ordination, and commissioning under the authority of Christ Journey Church

Over the years in our church God's daughters have served as Chairpersons for several committees including Pastor Search, Finance, Missions and Human Resources. They have also served in Bible teaching for children and adults, weekend teaching, family/marriage training, and as missions projects leaders. As employed staff, women have served on Directional Team, Central Ministries Leadership Team, and as ministry area directors and in all support staff roles.

We are excited to be following Jesus into a new day of discovery, development and affirmation for both God's sons and daughters in pastoral leadership obeying God's call in fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ. For more information or to take your next steps in obedience to God's call please contact the Senior Pastor's Office.