

STUDY GUIDE

October 20

STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements



- IWBNN - ZOOM for Winchester Campus starts Oct 22nd. Please register on ChurchCenter.
- Playgroup is meeting on Wednesday mornings weekly from 10-11:30am. Free coffee/tea for parents. All are welcome.

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Thank God for the diversity of people in Kingdom efforts. Pray that we would be able to examine our own hearts and determine whether we are encouraging kingdom efforts, or blocking people from fulfilling their calling.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

Galatians 3:28

Joel 2:28-29 Repeated (Emphasised) in Acts 2:17-18

Romans 12:1-2 (this is what it means to repent)

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. Pastor Ben talked about how God has given desires and calling to people who are unable to fulfil them due to barriers that we have put up. What are some ways that you see this happening in the church today?

2. Looking at the panel and how they experienced ministry as women, what barriers (if any) are there? Were there any ways that they seemed set free from those barriers?
3. What do you think are necessary barriers for ministry and what are unnecessary barriers? How can we determine the difference between the two?
4. If there is a strong, reasonable biblical argument for why women can and should be included in leadership roles in the church, why do you think we hold on contrary perspectives? (Be charitable with your responses)

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. **Examine the Scriptures.** Really take time to examine the text on this issue.
2. **Examine your heart.** Why do you hold the perspectives you do? Is it tradition? Are you just moving along with culture? Or is it because you have been convinced by Scripture and the Holy Spirit?
3. **Do not be afraid to repent.** Repentance is not as scary as some people make it sound. It is simply about changing direction. It is a course correction, we all need to continually do it (Romans 12:1-2)