



Women In Leadership Short Syllabus

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Course Description:

This course explores the role of women serving as leaders in the church. Students will learn the historical place of women as seen in ancient texts as well as in Greek, Roman and Jewish societies at the time of Jesus and then the early church. Discussion will include how the New Testament writers valued women and addressed their contributions to the community of faith. We will also address men and women serving together as church leaders from the early church until today.

Required Texts:

Belleville, Linda L. Women Leaders and the Church: Three Crucial Questions. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. 2000. ISBN 0-8010-5351-X (pbk.) (217 pages)

Hull, Gretchen Gaebelin. Equal to Serve: Women and Men Working Together Revealing the Gospel. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. 1991. ISBN 0-8010-5822-8 (pbk) (244 pages)

GCI Study Papers on “Women in Church Leadership,” December, 2006.

www.wcg.org/lit/alpha.htm click on [Women in church leadership - a series of 11 study papers in one PDF document](#) (118 pages)

Course Assignments:

1. Book Review and Reflection Paper: Women Leaders and the Church (3-5 pages; double-spaced)
2. Book Review and Reflection Paper: Equal to Serve (3-5 pages; double spaced)
3. Research Paper: (8-10 pages; double spaced)

Weekly Topics

1. Introduction – In the Beginning
2. Women Serving Historically
3. Social Acceptance and/or Rejection
4. Issues in the Text
5. Jesus Relates to Women
6. Women in the New Testament
7. Challenges of the early Church
8. Women in the Reformation
9. Changes in the Culture
10. Serving Together in Today's World