

# *LadyLike: Living Biblically*

You will see that the questions this study poses do not offer the answers. They are designed so that you land in the right zone without being pushed there. There are plenty of wrong answers that the devil, the world, and your flesh would put forward, but there are also a lot of right answers, depending upon your station and situation. Move forward with a firmer eye on Scripture than any other word out there, and you'll be set!

Each week a number of questions will be posted online in this format along with the readings for the week. Since this book is written as short essays, you will be reading or referring to some essays multiple times throughout this study. You may participate in online discussions if you would like on the Immanuel Women's Ministry Facebook Group. You can also email me your questions or thoughts at [pmiller@immanuelseymour.com](mailto:pmiller@immanuelseymour.com). Blessings on your study.

## **Week Four**

### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord Jesus, You are our light and salvation, and You are the stronghold of our life. Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers and for your promise to be with us always. Fill our days with the wonderful joy of the resurrection! Stay with us, guide us, and renew in us the hope and assurance of life eternal. Send your Holy Spirit so that as we continue in this life, we may always trust in Your grace and mercy. Help us and give us strength as we strive to lead lives that serve and benefit those around us. Hear us gracious Lord, as we call upon You. Amen.

### **Reading and Questions:**

**Reading:** Read the essay on page 121; (see also pages 27, 38, 56, 80, 89, 111, 160, 194, 198, and 214.)

**Questions:** The contemporary view is that if we like something, we have a right to do it. But our neighbors often need things from us that we do not necessarily enjoy doing.

—Have you ever had a sense of purpose? Where do you think that sense came from?

—How do we reconcile our personal preferences with our neighborly duties when those two things don't line up so well?

—How do we decide how to spend the time and use the gifts God gives us?

**Reading:** Read the essays on pages 76 and 121; (see also pages 80, 89, 95, 100, 103, 111, 116, 191, 194, and 204.)

**Questions:** Although we have ideas about what a "normal" life looks like, the truth is that every person's path is different. The Church is the only place where every person is valued, no matter where her own path has taken her.

—What are the different roles a woman may have in life in terms of her personal relationships?

—Do you feel like some of those roles are more valued than others in the world, in the Church, or in your own mind?

—What does Scripture say about virginity, celibacy, marriage, motherhood, barrenness, widowhood, and old age?

**Reading:** Read the essay on page 121; (see also pages 27, 38, 80, 89, 95, 100, 103, 111, 116, 191, and 194.)

**Questions:** All Christians have a vocation in their Baptism, but each of us will fulfill that baptismal calling in any number of situations or *stations*

—Do you think of your stations in life as having been chosen by you or given to you by God as either a blessing or a cross?

—If a woman is in a station that she would not choose for herself, how can she still receive it as a gift?

—How does God teach us to pray “Thy will be done” when it comes to the stations in which He places His people?

### **Prayers:**

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

Luther’s Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther’s Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.