

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. Blessings on your study.

Week Seven

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, Your Word assures that we are all loved by You on account of your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the many blessings you give to us each day and for the hope that we have for things to come. Your Word is lamp to guide our feet and light to our path. Sometimes it is difficult for us to understand and sometimes it is also difficult for us to take the time to hear it as we should. For this and all our sins, Lord, forgive us. Refresh us with the reading this week so that we may always know and understand how loved we are by you, always, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Reading: Read the essay on page 128; see also page 194.

Questions: Even Christian women sometimes get a bad vibe from the Old Testament.

—What are the different reasons people have for thinking the Old Testament is sexist?

—Why did God tell His people that certain functions made them unclean?

—In what ways does contemporary society simply take different approaches to dealing with bad family situations, like marriage problems or barrenness?

—Why are biblical genealogies tracked through the men in the family, and how does this show respect to women?

—How else does the Old Testament show itself to value women and their experiences?

—How does being narrowly concerned with feminine recognition, experiences, or hygiene run counter to the Christian perspective (Philippians 2:3–9)?

Reading: Read the essays on pages 134 and 138; see also pages 38, 66, 138, 182, and 194.

Questions: Maybe the New Testament treats women a little better! Or kind of not?

—What does the New Testament show us about how women serve the Church?

—How does Jesus deal with women during His time on earth?

—What can we learn from Lydia and other women in the early generations of Christianity, and what can't we learn?

—Would women in the early generations of Christianity have voluntarily served Jesus and His Church if Jesus and His Church were big jerks?

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.