

# HER STORY

JESUS, WOMEN, AND THE CHURCH

Week 1: Seeing The Big Picture (Bruxy Cavey)  
Week 2: Jesus & the New Covenant (Karmyn Bokma)  
Week 3: Marriages that Preach (Leanne Friesen)  
Week 4: Learning from the Prohibitive Passages

## Week 5: A Few Good Ezers (Jo Saxton)

Week 6: Q & Eh? (Bruxy Cavey)  
PLUS: After Party Podcasts with Dr. Marion Taylor, Dr. Cindy Westfall, & Danielle Strickland

### APPETIZER: Women as Helper

Our goals for this morning:

1. To unpack one word – *EZER*
2. To look at a few *Ezers* in the Bible
3. To consider what it means for us today

What comes to mind when you think of the word “helper”?

*Ezer* can be defined as:

- To rescue
- To save
- To be strong

Genesis 1:26-31

### DINE IN: Okay Ladies, Now Let’s get in Formation

Genesis 2:18

*KENEGDU* – “Suitable” or “fit”

- Neged – opposite, or parallel to
- Later Hebrew – keneged – equal
- Kenegdu – “standing boldly opposite”

### TAKE OUT: So, what now?

Women in the early Church:

- Joanna, Susanna and Mary **Luke 8**
- Mary and Martha **Luke 10**
- Lydia **Acts 16**
- Priscilla **Acts 18, Romans 16  
1 Corinthians 16, 2 Timothy**
- Junia **Romans 16**

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## Home Church Questions

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. What reactions did you have to this week's message?
2. Has anyone in your group listened to the "After Party" podcasts posted so far? If so, talk about what you learned!

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **Genesis 2**, the whole chapter.
  - a. What thoughts or ideas in the passage stand out to you?
  - b. Do you interpret the events in this passage as poetry or as literal? Some other variation? Does your position make a difference for the overall lessons of this chapter? What are the implications for us today? Talk about examples.
  - c. The term "breath of life" is often used in Scripture to depict a soul, a spirit, or inspiration. Discuss the significance of God giving humans this gift. How would you describe the soul or spirit to someone who believes differently about the qualities that humans possess?
  - d. What was the purpose of God placing the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden in the first place? How would you respond if someone asked you this?
  - e. How does understanding what the terms ezer and kenegdu (in **verse 18**) mean in the Hebrew shed new light on the role of women? How should this change how we value the insight and contributions of women?

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. Use your huddle questions and pray for each other.

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