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

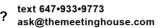
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Acts 18, Romans 16 1 Corinthians 16, 2 Timothy

Junia

Romans 16









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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