

Side *by* Side

A quarterly newsletter for leaders



Four Reasons This Issue Is for You

- 1 Learn from Leslie Bennett how to overcome common ministry obstacles and help women joyfully embrace God's beautiful design for womanhood.
- 2 Be encouraged by practical insights from a fellow women's ministry leader as you disciple the women God has entrusted to your care.
- 3 Explore practical resources that will help you cultivate a culture of biblical womanhood in your church, one faithful step at a time.
- 4 Discover how you can be part of a seven-week online course designed to equip you to establish a ministry that flourishes for Christ's glory.

Is Your Women's Ministry Missing This?



What if what your ministry needs most isn't another event but a clearer vision of biblical womanhood? The world is confused about this topic, but as Leslie Bennett says, our churches don't have to be. [In this article](#), she shares the moment that awakened her to the beauty of God's design and transformed her ministry. She also offers practical tools to help you overcome common ministry obstacles.

Teaching True Womanhood in the Local Church

FIVE QUESTIONS WITH CHERI DOBBS



In a culture increasingly confused about womanhood, many churches are asking how to faithfully disciple women. Cheri Dobbs, Director of Women's Ministry at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, shares how her church is using the truth of biblical womanhood to strengthen discipleship, cultivate gospel-centered community, and equip women to flourish according to God's design. [In this interview](#), she

answers five questions, offering practical ministry wisdom and encouragement for leaders serving in a variety of church contexts.

Take a Look Inside *What Is a Woman?*

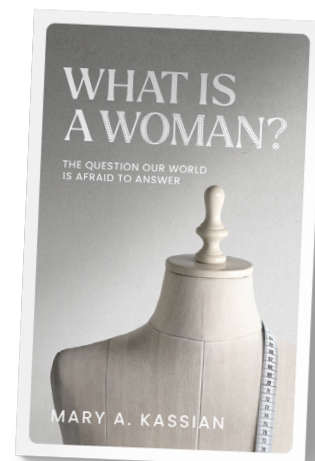


The women in your church are surrounded by confusing messages about what it means to be a woman. Yet we have the privilege of pointing women to a better question: What does God say?

As a women's ministry leader, you have the privilege and responsibility

of answering that question with truth, hope, and confidence.

But that isn't always easy. That's why Mary Kassian wrote [What Is a Woman?](#), an accessible, Scripture-centered resource that will equip you to articulate and teach God's good design for womanhood. Take a look inside by [downloading a free sample chapter](#) and [Leader Guide](#).



What's Your Next Step?



Every ministry looks different, and every leader opening this edition of Side by Side is starting from a different place. Before you continue, pause and ask the Lord to help you evaluate where you are and what next step He wants you to take.

Step 1: "Lord, start with me." Before leading, spend time learning. Where is God inviting you to grow? In what areas is

He convicting your heart, challenging your faith, or inviting you to embrace His design?

Step 2: Invest in a few women. Lasting fruit often grows through small, intentional relationships. Prayerfully consider these questions:

- Could I study through [What Is a Woman?](#) with one woman I'm discipling? This book includes a [Leader Guide](#) and teaching videos to help you point women to the beauty and purpose of God's design. Watch the [trailer](#) for this powerful new resource.
- Could I invite my leadership team to experience the material alongside me? (As a leader, you can take advantage of special bulk pricing during our [Summer Bible Study sale](#).)
- Is it time to begin a conversation with my pastor about how teaching on biblical womanhood could strengthen the women of our church?

Step 3: Consider the bigger picture. Think about how these biblical truths could become part of your church's culture. Prayerfully explore whether a churchwide event or ministry emphasis could be a future step. Our free [Event Toolkit](#) can help you prepare for a small group study, retreat, or conference at your church. (Be sure to explore themes like "[Understanding True Womanhood](#)," which features classic messages by Mary Kassian.)

Remember: you don't have to do everything at once. Ask the Lord to help you take the next small step of obedience—whether that's having a conversation, extending an invitation, or simply sitting with God's Word today. We are praying for you and cheering you on, wholeheartedly believing God will be faithful to help you every step of the way.

Looking to Grow as a Leader?



The reviews are in, and leaders can't stop talking about it. Women's Ministry Essentials is back beginning **Thursday, August 13**. This intensive, seven-week online course is designed for leaders with less than three years of experience who are launching or rebuilding a local women's ministry. You'll learn from trusted teachers—Mary Kassian, Dannah Gresh, Susan Hunt, Kelly Needham, and Pastor Joselo

Mercado—through a format that combines biblical teaching, practical coaching, and interactive cohorts. Enrollment is limited. [Learn more](#) or [register today](#) to secure your spot.

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