

The Role of Women in Ministry
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We believe that men and women are equal in the Kingdom of God. They both bear the image of God, they both receive the same Spirit, the same gifts, and both share the same commission to go into the world and make disciples. We also believe that God has designed men and women differently and assigned them different roles in marriage and within the church.

It is our position that women may be involved in ministry in any department and at any level of Valley Church, except where her responsibilities would require her to teach or exercise authority over a man. (1 Tim. 2:9-15) Repeated preaching and teaching the Scriptures inherently establishes an individual in a role of spiritual authority. We believe that the Bible teaches that women are not to be Elders or Pastors.