



Small group study materials, June 2019

Chapter & verse – Angela Rigby (page 13)

Read Galatians 3:28, followed by Angela Rigby’s article.

1. Angela’s first paragraph argues that women struggle ‘to have their calling and gifting acknowledged by some in the Church’. Do you know of women who have struggled in this way? What would you say to someone who holds a different view to you about whether women should be church ministers?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:12 – which Angela references in her second paragraph. How do you understand these instructions about the role of women, and how do you feel about them? What impression of the writer do you get from them?
3. Angela argues that “‘in Christ”, all identity politics cease, and we are all one.’ What does it mean to you to be ‘in Christ’? Is the term only for Christians? Why?
4. The fourth paragraph explains Paul’s belief that the ‘the crucified-and-now-risen Christ’ is alive in him. To what extent do you agree that Christ lives in you? What might the life of someone who is made alive with Christ look like?
5. Angela’s penultimate paragraph argues that Churches are called to be ‘equal co-heirs and ambassadors for the ... kingdom of God’. What practical actions can we take to ensure that our Church fulfils this calling?
6. ‘We all have gifting, calling and purpose,’ explains Angela in the final paragraph. In what ways can we identify and nurture the gifts of others?

For further reflection: ‘God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.’ Genesis 1:27

Prayer: We thank you, Father, that your children are all so different, made with such rich variety in your image. Help us to appreciate one another, learn from one another and serve one another. Amen.



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