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## LESSON TWO

### April 15, 2018

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## Servant Leadership in the Kingdom of God

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Our main text was Romans 16:1-16 on Sunday. Review it. Reflect on it. We emphasized Phoebe. Paul identifies her as a deacon, patron and possible host of a house church in Cenchrea.

### Other female patrons in the New Testament:

1. Women in Luke 8:1-3 (cf. Mark 15:41).
2. Acts 17:1-4, "...not a few prominent women" in Thessalonica.
3. Acts 17:12, "A number of prominent Greek women" in Berea.
4. 1 Corinthians 1:11, Chloe.

\*\*How does Phoebe's role as a deacon and patron of the church counter, and maybe expand, your understanding of authority and leadership in the church?

### Varying Interpretations of 1 Timothy 2:8-15

1. First, read this passage carefully. Do we follow all of the instructions/commands laid out by Paul in this text? Why or why not?
2. What can you learn about the historical context of the church in Ephesus? Why is Paul prohibiting the women in Ephesus from teaching in verses 11-12?
3. Is Paul's teaching to Timothy about women meant for the congregational context in which he found himself in Ephesus or a cover-all command for all time? Why or why not?
4. Interpretations on this passage vary (even within our church) based on personal experiences and our approach to the Bible. What experiences do you bring to the text that influence your interpretation of passages like 1 Timothy 2:8-15?

### For Further Study and Reflection

**[Click here](#)** for more resources to go deeper into the study of women's roles in the church.