

COURSE SYLLABUS

Ministering to Women in the Church

Course Lecturer: Lucy Mabery-Foster, PhD
Former Professor of Pastoral Ministries at Dallas Theological Seminary

Course Description

Often overlooked or misunderstood are the vital roles of women in the home, society, and the church. Learners will study ministry to and by women, including biblical foundations for women and principles for evangelizing, discipling, and counseling women. Lectures focus on the history of women's ministries in the church, the role of women's ministries in the New Testament, and the contemporary cultural context for women's ministries. In addition, students will learn how to minister to the needs of specific women's groups, such as singles, homemakers, those in the workplace, and those who are hurting.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Articulate a biblical philosophy of ministry to and with women.
- Discuss the nature of Christian ministry to and with women.
- Evaluate aspects of ministry to and with women from a biblical perspective.
- Grow in your understanding and appreciation of the unique privileges and opportunities of women in Christian ministry.
- Clarify your own personal approach to women in ministry.

Course Lecturer



Lucy Mabery-Foster, PhD

Education:

- Texas Women's University, PhD
- Dallas Theological Seminary, MA and ThM
- Southern Methodist University, BA

Teaching Career:

- Professor of Pastoral Ministries, Dallas Theological Seminary (1990-2002)
- First female Professor at Dallas Theological Seminary
- Director of Women’s Ministries, Creative Leadership Ministries (1989-1992)
- Taught “Through the Bible,” a Scofield Correspondence accredited course, at Moody Bible Institute for more than 20 years

Other Career Highlights:

- Certified Marriage and Family Therapist in Texas
- Chairman, Christian Women’s Club
- Member, Christian Association for Psychological Studies
- Board of Trustees, Trinity Christian Academy
- Member, The American Association of Christian Counselors
- Several short-term missionary trips to China, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, and the Ukraine
- Taught, ministered to the indigent, and assisted her husband as a surgical nurse in medical missions across Europe

Publications:

- Author of *Women and the Church: Reaching, Teaching, and Developing Women for Christ* and compiler of *The Role of Women in Ministry: Reader*

Recommended Reading

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbook shown below to supplement your learning.

Clark, Stephen B. *Man and Woman in Christ*. Ann Arbor, MI: Servant Books, 1980.

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

Course Assessment and Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 24 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.