

# The Life Challenge

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## WARM-UP

Share one thought or "take-away" you had from the weekend teaching.

## DISCUSSION

In sharing the story of the Apostle Junia in Romans, Matt suggested the we do not read the bible from a completely unbiased perspective; we always read it through our own cultural lenses, and those of the theologians and scholars we choose to assist us in biblical interpretation.

- Can you think of steps Christians in our context can take in order to try to move beyond our biases when we read the bible?
- Do you think it's ever possible to read the bible from a completely neutral perspective?

### What Women Did in the Bible

In this weekends teaching we considered two women from the bible, Deborah and Junia. Consider three other women in the bible and the roles God gives them.

**Huldah** - Read 2 Chronicles 34:22-33

- What did Huldah do?
- What was the result?

**Esther** - Read Esther 4:13-16, 7:2-10, 9:20-22 (Recall that Esther's people, the Jews, are under threat of extermination prior to these readings).

- What did Esther do?
- What was the result?

**Priscilla** - Read Romans 16:3-5a, Acts 18:24-28

- What did Priscilla do?
- What was the result?

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## DISCUSSION

**Your Turn:** Take a few moments to celebrate stories of women you know who God have been used in His kingdom work.

- What did she do?
- What was the result?

In the reflective time at the end of the teaching on Sunday, did God bring to mind any woman/young lady who you sensed He was calling you to encourage or empower to be all God has made her to be (or maybe He's brought someone to mind since then)?

- If so, have you taken an opportunity to connect with her and share what God has laid on your heart about her? If you are able, share how that conversation went, or how your words were received.
- If you had someone come to mind, but have not yet reached out to encourage or empower her, would you commit to doing that before you meet as a Life Group again? Allow your group to hold you accountable to this "next step"...
- If you are able, share what it is you believe God is calling you to do. Pray for one another around these actions points that you've identified, and for the women/young ladies that they pertain to.