

WOMENS 20/20 VISION

Being a woman is hard. In today's society, there are so many expectations of what women should do and who they should be, resulting in an unspoken pressure to conform to this mold.

Being a woman of God is even more so. Knowing we are set apart but still living in the world is hard to navigate, yet oftentimes we are left to figure out these things for ourselves. As a result, we place our identity in worldly things and look to external sources to try to answer our questions.

But in the end, if we place our identity in things of this world, then we'd always feel in some way unfulfilled. The only way that we can find satisfaction in our identity is to understand who God is and who He says we are.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139: 13- 14)

God says that we are created in His image. Once we are confident in this truth, then we can begin to be satisfied in our own identity and live in a way that praises Him. One way in which we envision women displaying this is through using their gifts.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 4:10-11)

In women's ministry this year, we want to see a community of women being vulnerable and giving their insecurities up to God. We also want to build an environment where they feel comfortable sharing their talents and supporting one another to build up His kingdom.

Practical ways in which we would like to see this happening is first through scripture. We want to dive into God's word and study prominent women in the Bible. We also want to create a space where women can support each other through insecurities. Lastly, we want to challenge women by opening up nights where they have the opportunity to lead an activity using their gifts. In doing so, we hope to empower women to continue glorifying God by sharing their talents outside of this community.