

PIONEERING PARTNERS IN THE
GOSPEL ...IN MINISTRY



THE SURPRISING MINISTRIES OF
KATHARINA ZELL AND
ARGULA VON GRUMBACH

Discuss - In what ways have opportunities increased for women outside the home in the past century? – Education, career, leisure etc

WOMEN'S LIVES IN 1500

The number of children in an average family...

2, 5, 8?

Recommended time to get up and go to bed...4am, 9pm; 5am, 8pm; 6am, 10pm.?

Acceptable women's work... Brewing, shop keeping, domestic service, medicine, textile work?

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Get thee to a nunnery...

IMPACT OF THE REFORMATION

Out of the nunnery – then where?

KATHARINA ZELL 1497-1562

Single

Scriptural

Soulmate

Servant

Supervisor

Speaker and scribe

ARGULA VON GRUMBACH 1492(?)-1556 (?)

Aristocrat

Advocate and Ally

Ambassador for Christ

BIBLE STUDY ACTS 18:1-3, 18-19, 24-26.

ROMANS 16:3, 1 CORINTHIANS 16:19

1. In what ways was Katharina Zell's ministry similar to that of Priscilla?

Relationships and status - Acts 18:1, Romans 16:3

Scriptural knowledge - Acts: 18:26

Ministry and impact - Acts 18:26

Hospitality - Acts 18:26, 1 Corinthians 16:19

Wider work - Acts 18:3

2. Katharina and Priscilla were both serving in a Biblical way that was unusual in their time and culture. How can we make sure that women are encouraged to serve in a way that is dictated by scripture rather than culture?

LUKE 9:26

3. Argula von Grumbach took great comfort from these verses. How can these words challenge us to stand up for Christ whoever we are and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves?