

HIS & HERS



Learning from the Gender You're Not

Part 1: Learning Together as Humans
Part 2: Learning Together as Friends
Part 3: Learning Together as Family
Part 4: Learning Together as the Church

Part 5: Hot Seat Sunday!

INTRODUCTION – Learning From The Culture You're Not

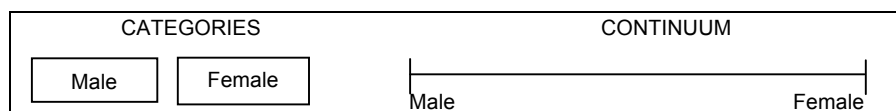
1 Peter 4:10

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Q & EH? – Pastor On The Hot Seat

1. AFTER 2,000 YEARS, WHY ARE CHRISTIANS STILL DOING SUCH A POOR JOB OF CELEBRATING AND LEARNING FROM THOSE WHO ARE DIFFERENT FROM US?
2. WHAT IF WE ARE PART OF THE 20% OF MEN OR 10% OF WOMEN WHO DON'T FIT THE TYPICAL BRAIN CATEGORIES? WHAT LESSONS ARE THERE FOR US?

1 Peter 4:10



3. IF THERE ARE NO CLEAR LINES REGARDING MALE AND FEMALE BRAINS, WHAT MAKES US A MAN OR A WOMAN? OUR BODIES ONLY? OUR SOULS?

Matthew 22:30 // Mark 12:25

4. WHY SHOULD WE ATTRIBUTE MALE NON-MONOGAMOUS IMPULSES (E.G., THE ROOSTER EFFECT, ETC.) TO THE FALL INSTEAD OF GOD'S DESIGN SINCE WE SEE THE SAME PATTERN IN ANIMALS?

Genesis 3:17-18

5. CAN'T FRIENDSHIPS BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN LEAD TO A LIST OF PROBLEMS?

6. SHOULD HOME CHURCHES HAVE MIXED-GENDER PRAYER GROUPS?

7. IF MEN AND WOMEN BECOME FRIENDS, IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ROMANTIC OR SEXUAL FEELINGS TO DEVELOP. WHAT DO WE DO WITH THOSE FEELINGS?

Matthew 5:27-30

8. SHOULD MARRIED PEOPLE HAVE FRIENDSHIPS WITH THE OTHER SEX?

9. CAN YOU EXPAND ON THE NOTION OF "SOUL-SHAPING" EVENTS THAT HELP MAKE US WHO WE ARE TODAY?

WE ARE ALL PRODUCTS OF MULTIPLE INFLUENCES...

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| 1) God's design. | } | NATURE |
| 2) Sin's corruption. | | |
| 3) Culture's assumptions. | } | NURTURE |
| 4) Family dynamics. | | |
| 5) Soul-shaping events | | |

10. PLEASE EXPAND ON HOW WE DERIVE "THE PRINCIPLE OF ACCOMMODATION" FROM BIBLICAL TEACHING AND HOW THAT APPLIES TO GENDER ROLES THEN AND NOW?

Titus 2:1-10; 1 Peter 3:1-7; Philemon

11. IF GENDER ROLES IN THE CHURCH AND HOME DISAPPEAR, WHAT HAPPENS TO CHIVALRY AND OTHER GENDER-ROLE NICETIES?

1 Peter 3:7

12. IF WE REMOVE GENDER-SPECIFIC ROLES IN THE CHURCH, WON'T IT LEAD TO CONFUSING PLACES?

CONCLUSION – The Beauty of Mutual Submission

Ephesians 5:21

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. How can the principle of "mixed-up grace" or "learning from those who are different" apply to our connections with a) MCC's work in Africa? b) other churches/denominations? c) people of other ages and stages?
2. What questions still linger with you about learning from the gender you're not?
3. Who are you planning to invite to "Beyond the Grave" starting next Sunday?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

4. Let's wrap up this series by talking about what we can learn from Jesus' relationships with the gender he wasn't. For each passage, identify what it tells us about how Jesus models healthy, meaningful, and rich relationships between the sexes: a) **Luke 8:1-3**; b) **Luke 10:38-42**; c) **John 4:1-27**; d) **John 19:25-27**; e) **John 20:11-18**. Can you think of other passages that demonstrate Christ's rich relationships with women?

SO WHAT?...

5. Read **Ephesians 5:21**. What might mutual submission look like in marriage and church relationships? Talk about specific examples.

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