

Vineyard Women Mentoring Month Three

Men and Women Leading Together

INTRODUCTION

This Youtube video is very short and extremely informative. We've included Gary Hoag's discussion guide for you because you may want to dive deeper into this topic with a group of leaders at some point.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsyQlaC0btY&t=7s>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you handled Biblical questions about women ministers/leaders in the past and would you respond differently now? How is your response different now? Why is it different now?
2. What 1 or 2 new insights have you learned from the pre-meeting assignment?
3. The idea of "cross-gendered mentoring" implies that women and men are mentoring each other and working together. Have you experienced cross-gendered mentoring in your life? What do you see are its benefits as well as its challenges? Do you see sectors or age groups within our society where it is more prevalent and acceptable than in others? How have, or could, recent situations in our country affected the occurrence of cross gendered mentoring?
4. What are some of the biggest challenges that you personally face in regard to your role as a female leader? What needs to be overcome to remove those challenges?
5. What are the parameters for a healthy, workable relationship for women and men working together? How can you and your church foster and model that relationship?
6. Do you notice that these issues are a larger concern to a certain segment or two of our church population? Do the younger generations see women and men working together or women in leadership as controversially as the older generations? Does the "raised in church" population view it differently than those just now coming into their faith? How do we balance these tensions?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

“Beyond Sex Roles,” by Gilbert Bilezikian

“10 Lies the Church tells Women,” by J. Lee Grady

“How I Changed My Mind about Women in Leadership: Compelling Stories from Prominent Evangelicals,” by Zondervan; Foreword by Dallas Willard

“Equal to the Task: Men and Women in Partnership,” by Ruth Haley Barton

Pastor Rich Nathan paper on the Vineyard Columbus position

<http://www.richnathan.org/article/why-vineyard-columbus-encourages-women-to-preach-pastor-church-plant/>

“Women in Leadership: How to Decide What the Bible Teaches?” by Rich Nathan
A google search will lead you to the .pdf document

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