

SEX & SEXUALITY

Speaker: Keith Whitaker

QUESTION #1

What challenges do you face when it comes to talking about sex & sexuality in the church today? How can those challenges be overcome?

QUESTION #2

What scriptures can you think of that direct the way we should use our bodies and order our sexual lives?

QUESTION #3

What can the church do to create a safe environment for people to share their sexual brokenness and find the acceptance and healing of Jesus?

RESOURCES

- Jonathan Grant (2015) Divine Sex: A compelling vision for Christian relationships in a hyper sexualized age. Grand Rapids: MI, Brazos Press.
- Preston Sprinkle (2021) Embodied: Transgender identities, the Church & what the Bible has to say. Colorado Springs: CO, David C. Cook.
- Mark A. Yarhouse (2013) Understanding Sexual Identity. Grand Rapids: MI, Zondervan.



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TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Speaker: Milissa Ewing

QUESTION #1

What comes to mind when you hear the word “reconciliation?” What responsibility does the church have in being a bridge for reconciliation?

QUESTION #2

What are some of the barriers to reconciliation from your perspective as a non-indigenous person? What are some of the barriers you have heard Indigenous Peoples speak about?

QUESTION #3

What steps are you personally willing to take in walking the path toward reconciliation?

RESOURCES

- Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah (2019) *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*. Downers Grove: IL, InterVarsity Press.
- Richard Twiss (2015) *Rescuing the Gospel from the Cowboys: A Native American Expression of the Jesus Way*. Downers Grove: IL, InterVarsity Press.
- “Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.”

SINGLENES

Speaker: Keith Whitaker

QUESTION #1

What has been your experience of singleness in the church? What might churches do unknowingly to make a single person (unmarried, widowed, divorced) feel excluded, left out, or forgotten?

QUESTION #2

Discuss what you think God’s greatest desires are for the single person? What can you do to cultivate the realization of those things within the church?

QUESTION #3

What experience do you have in a “spiritual friendship?” What practical step can you take today to make space for 1-2 spiritual friends in your life? Who would you consider reaching out to?

RESOURCES

- Rodney Clapp (2006) *Families at the Crossroads: Beyond Traditional and Modern Options*. Downers Grove: IL, InterVarsity Press.
- Barry Danylak and John Piper (2010) *Redeeming Singleness: How the storyline of Scripture affirms the single life*. Wheaton: IL, Crossway Publishers.
- David G. Benner (2004) *Sacred Companions: The Gift Of Spiritual Friendship and Direction*. Downers Grove: IL, InterVarsity Press.

DOMESTIC ABUSES

Speaker: Mardi Dolfo-smith

QUESTION #1

What are some examples of using power for good? What examples are there of using power for harm? What scriptures come to mind for each situation?

QUESTION #2

What are some practical “indicators” that power is being abused?

QUESTION #3

What must the church do to be a community that stands against domestic abuses and stands with victims of it?

RESOURCES

- Jill Cory and Karen McAndless-Davis (2016), *When Love Hurts: A woman’s guide to understanding abuse in relationships*. New York: NY, Berkely Publishing.
- Nancy Nason-Clark, et. Al (2011) *Responding to Abuse in Christian Homes: A challenge to churches and their leaders*. Eugene: OR, Wipf & Stock.
- Scot McKnight and Laura Barringer (2020), *A Church Called Tov: Forming a goodness culture that resists abuses of power and promotes healing*. Carol Stream: IL, Tyndale Publishing.