

On Sexism, Genderism and the Patriarchy

Here's a package of diverse perspectives on (and experiences with) Gender Inequity and the Patriarchy in our society. In the weeks between now and our gathering on May 15th, review and engage with those pieces that speak to you or call for your attention in some way.

Choose one of these 4 questions to sit with over the next couple of weeks. Come to the session ready to speak about how you answer that question and the insights that arose for you as you considered it, along with the materials in the package.

1. Of the pieces below, what one most resonates with you, and why? How does your gender identity influence how you perceive this piece?
2. Alternatively, what piece is especially dissonant for you? Is there something here that makes you feel especially uncomfortable or that is particularly difficult for you to relate to? Why? How does your gender identity influence how you perceive this piece?
3. What is one action you can personally commit to doing, now, that brings about more understanding between genders and helps bring us closer to gender equity ?
4. Considering the various communities you belong to (e.g. your neighbourhood, congregation, ministry, school system, place of work, etc) and your position within them, what's one action you & your community can take now to collectively commit to gender equality? How might your community move the needle on issues of sexism and genderism in your circle and/or our society at large?