

Confronting Christianity

HARD QUESTIONS FOR THE
WORLD'S LARGEST RELIGION

Doesn't the Bible denigrate women?

Opening

Share Highs/Lows since the last time you met or How has God surprised you this past week?

What insights from last week have you reflected this past week? What stayed with you?

How would you answer the title question? What approach would you take with a sceptical conversation partner?

Discussion

1. The Trinity is based in relationship, how does this help you understand yourselves as an image bearer of God in your relationships?
2. Share the 'very good' of your wedding day? Do you find marriage a helpful metaphor for relationship as image bearers of God? How has sin messed this metaphor up?
3. Have you had issues with the term 'helper' in the past?
4. Sin broke the relationship with God and with each other. Discuss how you have seen this play out in the Bible, the Church or your lives.
5. What example of Jesus counter cultural approach to women is most significant for you?
 - a. Miracles involving women
 - b. Teachings involving women
 - c. Women as first evangelists
6. What stuck you most from Glening's sharing?
 - a. What did you relate to?
 - b. What gave you hope?

Wrap Up

Does the Church have a good answer to the question: "Doesn't the Bible denigrate women?"
How are you prepared to answer this question in your own now?