

CRAZY, SEXY LOVE.

Hassle of the Sexes | Discussion Notes

You might find it helpful to set out a few ground rules for the discussion – obviously these won't be new ideas but with sensitive topics it can be helpful to get everyone back on the same page. These could include: making no assumptions about people's opinions, accepting we all come from different experiences, listening to learn from each other and acknowledging that we don't have to share more than we feel comfortable.

Alexia shared her story of suffering from a covert sexism that has affected her from a young age until today.

- Have you either experienced this yourself or seen this in the lives of others?

Alexia also went through a few ideas from the Bible that have been used to suggest that women are inferior to men.

- Have you heard the Bible used in a way which has impacted your view of equality or inequality of the sexes?

Read through Genesis 3:13-16.

- Alexia explained how gender inequality is a consequence of the Fall – that it was because of their sin that there is now “enmity between you [Adam] and the woman” and that “he will rule over you.” Have you heard this explanation before?
- Does it change how you view equality?

Alexia also highlighted how the Bible doesn't just say that inequality is the consequence of sin, it also urges sexual equality. Jesus – the only person without sin – consistently empowers women.

- What examples can you think of Jesus treating women as equal to men?
- How does the Biblical view of sexual equality look different the world's view?

How can we apply what we have learnt? What can we do to pursue sexual equality in these areas:

- In our friendships
- In our work context
- In our personal faith life
- In our church community

Finally, you may want to take a chance for the men to pray for the women in your Hub and visa versa. Get the women, if they are comfortable, to sit or stand in the middle and gather the guys around to pray for them. Then do the reverse with the men.