

Youth Group Small Group Ministry (February 22, 2015)

Topic: Sexism and Feminism in main stream media (Gretchen Edstrom)

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Opening Words & Chalice Lighting

Sexism: unfair treatment of people because of their sex; *especially* : unfair treatment of women; behavior, conditions, or attitudes that foster stereotypes of social roles based on sex

Feminism: the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities

Purpose: We come together to build connections and to talk about what deeply matters.

Reading of Group Covenant

Golden rule: Treat others how you want to be treated

Respect each other

No side talking

No phones except for time check

Don't take someone else's seat if they called 5's

Get outside together

When someone is breaking the Covenant, we'll say "Wyoming."

Check-In: Each person shares how they are doing.

Activity: Listen to this recording and watch this video:

<http://wnpr.org/post/egalite-not-realite-french-women-wage-online-war-sexism>

<http://www.adweek.com/adfreak/girl-no-longer-insult-inspiring-ad-pgs-always-158601#.U7Enou2QGos.facebook>

Questions

- ⤴ Have you experienced or witnessed sexism? If so, would you be willing to share an example with the group?
- ⤴ The NPR story was about a French woman and mentions the culture of sexism in France. Do you see this as a problem in the US?
- ⤴ What is the effect of sexism on a culture? Do you see it playing out in school/education, work, social life?
- ⤴ Do you think using things like Twitter, Facebook, etc to draw attention to this issue is effective? What might you suggest?

Check-Out & Confidentiality Check: Is there anything that you shared here today that you would like to be held confidential? Otherwise this is a reminder that we treat each others' sharing with kindness and respect.

Closing: "Feminism is not only for women. It's something everyone can participate in, and evolve together, as the first step in the right direction. I see feminism as a tool to achieve that balance and peace."

-Ani DiFranco is an American singer, guitarist, poet, songwriter, and feminist icon.