

Youth Group Small Group Ministry (November 2, 2014)

Topic: Gender (created by Gillian Toth)

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Opening Words & Chalice Lighting

“I was not ladylike, nor was I manly. I was something else altogether. There were so many different ways to be beautiful.”

-from *A Home at the End of the World* by Michael Cunningham

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 "Dharma."

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

Focus: Gender is the range of characteristics pertaining to and differentiating between masculinity and femininity. According to the World Health Organization, gender refers to the socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities, and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for men and women. Aspects of gender vary greatly among different human societies.

Questions

- ⤴ How does your gender affect your personal identity (when you were little and now)?
- ⤴ How does gender, or people's perception of your gender, limit you if at all?
- ⤴ How does your gender affect your relationships with other people?

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

“Do you really believe... that everything historians tell us about men—or about women—is actually true?”

--Moderata Fonte (1555-1592), Venetian writer and poet, best known for her work, *The Worth of Women*