Session One



The Need for Biblical Mutuality

Supplemental Notes

Three perspectives

- The Egalitarian Position: Equal in being (or worth) / Equal in function (or giftedness)
 Men and women have equal value. Service is based on giftedness, not gender.
 Leadership in the church and home is shared.
- The Complementarian Position: Equal in being / Unequal in function
 Men and women have equal value, but different roles.
 Women should not teach men or serve in any position that has authority over men.
 (Soft complementarian: Women can hold any position except senior pastor).
 In the home, husbands make the final decisions.
- The Patriarchal Position: Unequal in being / Unequal in function
 Women are, by nature, inferior to men and should submit to their authority.

Significant Quotes

What does it mean to be biblically side by side?

"I'm passionate about mutuality because I'm passionate for the truth. And I'm passionate for my love for Jesus and I want the gospel to get out there. If someone wants you to fight an important fight with a hand tied behind your back you say that's not fair. We're tying our hands behind our backs by limiting women." Payne

"He didn't say pray that he would send forth male laborers, he said laborers, and we should do the same." Payne

"I decided to go all in to live completely all out committed to walking in my gifts and passions for the sake of the Kingdom." McKirland

What happens when we limit our giftedness?

"It's such a loss for men and women all over the world when they don't hear from all believers." Griffith

"There are some churches where the ceiling is there for women where you lead, but you can only lead in this context...you can be a children's pastor but you cannot teach men, you cannot be in the pulpit." Mingo

"I don't think God is interested in dysfunction. I think he is interested in results." Stackhouse

"When a woman faces an experience where people have shunned her gifts just because she's a woman...she goes away thinking, would the kingdom be better off if I weren't here?" Swanson

How can God's Word change our hearts and minds?

"I'm a person who believes deeply in the inspiration and authority of Scripture, it has driven me in this context... I was drawn by Scripture and compelled by Scripture." Pierce

"If we'll be prayerful and patient and persistent, the Spirit of God can change people's hearts, change people's minds." Thulson