



## **Mandy Marshall –**

# **Restoring Relationships & Ending Violence Against Women**

## **Discussion Guide**

This resource is designed to help your small group or college class discussion. It's shaped to inspire you to consider new ways to understand the issues discussed in this video. You don't need to answer all the questions. Please allow time for discussion and response.

## **Materials**

1. Person Interviewed: Mandy
2. Theme of Video: Restoring Relationships & Ending Violence Against Women

## **Preliminary discussion**

Consider the questions suggested below to start the conversation for your small group or college class. They'll consolidate the content of the video, after you've viewed it.

1. What were the major themes in this video?
2. How do those themes relate to your life and context?
3. Discuss the difficulties of the content. What was difficult to understand? Was there anything you would like to clarify with the group?
4. Theological method: How is the interviewee's theology and outlook informed and shaped by their practical ministry and context? What approaches do they take in understanding God in the context of their daily life and ministry?

## **Explore and apply**

Explore the major themes raised in the video. Critically engage with the theology. Consider the questions that respond to the issues raised in your preliminary discussion. Apply the answers to these questions in your own setting. Ensure the discussion is specifically drawing on your local setting. Make sure the discussion is relevant to the lives of faith for your small group or college class. Encourage relevant and thoughtful examples from each participant.

1. Mandy Marshall is involved with Restored, which addresses violence against women. What does Restored do, and what is Mandy's your role there? See <http://www.restoredrelationships.org/about-us/>

2. The global statistics on violence against women are shocking. What does Mandy say about the extent of this global problem?
3. Christians often underestimate the extent of gender violence among Christians. But we know that such violence is rampant in the church. Why does gender violence continue among Christians?
4. How do churches and pastors encourage such violence in their behaviors and attitudes?
5. How can Christians tackle this problem in the church? And, how can they have a positive impact in this area outside the church?
6. The First Man Standing campaign urges men to respect women, challenge other men, and join the cause. What does Mandy say about to these 3 responses to gender relationships and violence?
7. In what way does Mandy see Micah Global playing a part in God's mission?
8. How does Mandy see Micah Global helping to address the issue of violence against women and children?
9. What roles do local churches and local church pastors play in helping to address the issue of violence against women and children?

## Informing Community

Facilitate the space for your group to respond to the discussion. You might consider this section as a personal time of written journal responses to the following questions.

1. What is God encouraging our group and me, to do?
2. In response to the issues raised in the video, what are areas I want to ask God for forgiveness in? How do I need to change? What does God want me to stand up for?
3. How do I need God to minister to me and my community, for us to better engage with the contextual issues of our community?
4. How can I gain a better understanding of the issues discussed in this video? What do we ask that God would do in our hearts?

## Prayer

Spend time in prayer over what you've learnt.

Invite the ministry of the Holy Spirit to clarify, heal, and inspire change for your participants and communities.

## Links

**Website:** [www.theglobalchurchproject.com](http://www.theglobalchurchproject.com)

### Books:

Graham Hill, *GlobalChurch: Reshaping Our Conversations, Renewing Our Mission, Revitalizing Our Churches* (IVP Academic, 2016).

Graham Hill, *Salt, Light, and a City (Second Edition): Ecclesiology for the Global Missional Community: Volume 1, Western Voices* (Cascade, 2017).