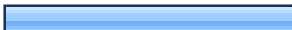






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		Response Percent	Response Count
I am concerned because it lessens the chance of me finding a husband		46.5%	1,098
I am rather glad because it improves my chance of finding a wife		9.1%	216
I can see it is an important issue but it doesn't worry me personally		27.3%	645
I can't see how it is a problem for anyone		6.4%	150
I have never been aware of this imbalance in the church		10.7%	252

Any Comments? Can you comment on how the disparity might affect behaviour and relationships between men and women in the church? How could things be improved? 612

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1	This is also a considerable problem for men, because it means that many men find church less attractive, or struggle to find support and encouragement for other men.	Oct 18, 2012 1:26 PM
2	I think there should be more conferences for christian singles promoting help for both men and women to meet their partner. In my church I will never meet anyone as there is more hope of me becoming old and grey than meeting a christian man. In addition, you are treated differently by married christian men. And most married woman see single women as a threat. I hate being a single at church and everyday I pray that I can meet someone and 3 years later I only seem to meet the wrong person.	Sep 30, 2012 7:26 AM
3	I am currently on a charismatic (Bethel,California inspired) evening school once a fortnight. There are loads of both men and women of all ages there. They all have one thing in common.....they are hungry for more of God in their lives. If this happens to produce marriage for anyone including myself, then that would be a wonderful bonus.	Sep 27, 2012 4:24 PM
4	That's not the main reason I'm concerned but it's the closest response to it. As a youth worker, I'm always struggling to find men (of any age) to be role models for the young people I work with. It's not our fault that there are less men around but the rise in women in ordained ministry seems to put men off in general. I think that's quite sad.	Sep 27, 2012 11:58 AM
5	I am very attractive and so have good levels of self esteem however I know single women that dont feel attractive and say that they feel in competition with those who are more attractive. They feel the attractive women find husbands easier or first.	Sep 24, 2012 3:07 PM
6	I think that if something could have been done about it, it would have been done by now. I don't think there are easy answers to this!	Sep 24, 2012 2:49 PM
7	I am trying to meet a single Christian man for 3 years in my age group. I have not seen any . All married or too young or toooooo old	Sep 22, 2012 3:42 AM
8	I think that there is seen to be more women creates expectations that are unhelpful. Men are given an expectation that they will find someone and are therefore find it more difficult if they don't. At the same time women's expectations are lowered and they are more likely to throw themselves into other activities. This means that there are more single men in church than people realise. I think it's similar to the recent London olympics where shop owners were expecting lots of business but everyone stayed away because they were expecting it to be really busy. This meant London city centre was a lot quieter than normal even though there were more people around than normal. (I know what I mean!)	Sep 21, 2012 2:51 PM
9	None of the above. It's a concern because the feminisation of the church actively inhibits effective evangelism and on that level option C is probably closest to my view, but it does worry me (I am actively involved in Mens Ministry). Many men feel very uncomfortable in church these days (and there are times when I include myself in their number). Women don't seem to realise how genuinely offputting "Jesus is my Boyfriend" worship and attitudes can be to men, even those who are committed Christians (a point that some of the female subscribers to CC might want to think about).	Sep 21, 2012 9:23 AM
10	I think that it is a problem that the church does not reflect the wider society.	Sep 21, 2012 6:16 AM
11	I would think it would improve my chances but I find it doesn't seem to work	Sep 20, 2012 4:01 PM

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that way. I don't believe there is solution at all besides doing what we as Christians should be doing anyway, sharing our faith with others and bringing more people into the Church. The balance will always swing one way or the other.

12	I don't see it as a problem as I think it is better to looking outside of your church for a partner because in church you should be focused on worship. Also if you dated someone in your church and it didn't work out it would be awkward.	Sep 20, 2012 10:06 AM
13	These are terrible and offensive options. The only reason I should be concerned with the lack of men in the church is because it affects my chances of finding a wife?! Absurd.	Sep 18, 2012 4:26 PM
14	The bible teaches that women are second class humans, so why should we care what they think....	Sep 18, 2012 8:18 AM
15	I hear this all the time, but have never been to a church where it is true! I am the only unmarried person (adult) in my church so probably not a typical dynamic.	Sep 17, 2012 2:29 PM
16	It is a fact of life, woman live longer than man statistically, I found it very awkward at first going to events which are mainly women, it is also disappointing for the women. It scares me that I might end up with a lady who is going with me because I am all that is available rather than that she loves me. I doubt the imbalance could be altered it is the same in secular organisations !	Sep 17, 2012 9:14 AM
17	I think it brings fear to many christian women. It also makes forming friendships between single people of opposite sexes quite difficult.	Sep 16, 2012 12:21 PM
18	could lead to marrying for the wrong reasons ie make do, rather than wait for the right person it puts women at a disadvantage at least thats how it seems but God is in control might be difficult for men to deal with, may feel self conscious about it	Sep 15, 2012 1:37 PM
19	The blokes need to get on it and start talking to their non-Christian friends about Jesus some more!!	Sep 14, 2012 12:34 PM
20	The church definitely needs male Elders, because there are many men struggling with pornography, being alone or addiction to gaming. Things could perhaps be improved by a serious amount of prayer by the whole church.	Sep 13, 2012 7:41 PM
21	I think it's sad simply because everyone needs the knowledge of salvation and a relationship with our wonderful God.	Sep 10, 2012 3:58 PM
22	I hate it because the few single men in Church have their choice of beautiful women and don't necessarily value them as they should. I've always had far more interest from non-Christian men which makes it so much more difficult to follow through with finding a Christian. The temptation just to go out with a non-Christian is high, specially when they seem to treat you better and there are far more attractive options.	Sep 8, 2012 6:56 PM
23	Women encourage their husbands to come to Church, have more men activities for men, because many men outside the Church, thinks that it is boring. So, the Churches should have things involving men in activities, events, men breakfast, etc.	Sep 7, 2012 4:45 PM

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24	My church is pretty even in male/female	Sep 7, 2012 9:47 AM
25	all decent men seem to be taken! I think a lot of women change their expectations of who they would marry as it is who is available	Sep 5, 2012 10:48 AM
26	Men's groups could be formed in more churches.	Sep 4, 2012 4:00 PM
27	Improve things by looking at evangelism methods that will draw young men in (and prayer along that line). But not just so that the women find husbands; for the men themselves that they come to know Christ!	Sep 4, 2012 3:08 PM
28	It makes it easier for men, as they would have a wide range of possible females to select from. For women the choice is a lot more restricted.	Sep 2, 2012 12:15 PM
29	This is a major issue for many of my single Christian female friends. Christian women appear to make major life decisions which assume they are likely to remain single at a much younger age than non-Christian women (eg becoming a missionary, adopting a child)	Sep 1, 2012 7:43 AM
30	This is very sad and difficult for many women who have suffered from depression as a result of this difficult reality	Sep 1, 2012 3:44 AM
31	It's not just about finding a husband, it's so important to have more men for leadership and friendship and to ensure them church doesn't become to feminine.	Sep 1, 2012 3:40 AM
32	Yes, we need more men in church for many reason.	Aug 30, 2012 12:21 PM
33	It could mean that single men in church feel a bit threatened or "jumped" on by single women just talking to them or friends of single women who might try to "fix up" their friend. It creates unnecessary tension and the possibility of men and women being friends or growing in faith or meeting may be lost because the minute a single woman talks to a single man everyone assumes they are going out or will go out	Aug 30, 2012 7:17 AM
34	Church is not an attractive option for a lot of men. Why? too spiritually minded and of no practical good? Men are not sure what it means to be a man? Church is too emotional and irrelevant to life and business and the problems of the world? such as wars and arms which are mostly brought about by men. Good Christian men are out there doing something about it instead of skipping along to church?	Aug 29, 2012 12:29 PM
35	Men find church feminine.	Aug 29, 2012 8:54 AM
36	I must admit it would be nice to see more men available, but I still believe if the Lord wants you to meet someone, He can set things in motion	Aug 28, 2012 10:19 AM
37	I am more concerned about lack of equality of opportunity. Mind you if theology insists that woman cannot be priests or bishops then presumably by the same logic, I can have slaves and concubines and breed from them? What a responsibility!	Aug 28, 2012 4:17 AM
38	Statistically true, but very few single women in my church!	Aug 26, 2012 2:59 PM
39	Churches are run by women, men have very little say without risking being socially ostricised.	Aug 25, 2012 9:16 AM
40	I understand why there is a difference and in once sense it does worry me,	Aug 24, 2012 5:16 PM

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but that is rather ridiculous. I think men have more chance of finding a lovely wife than we do!!

41	Church is full of single women and very few men- a bad place to find a husband really!	Aug 24, 2012 11:47 AM
42	There are definitely more women in the church than men, and sadly the men are not very proactive when it comes to 'making the first move'.	Aug 24, 2012 4:08 AM
43	It really makes me feel inadequate compared to other women and constantly questioning what is wrong with me. Honestly, if it weren't for the non-Christian men who show an interest, I would think I was entirely unattractive. I find it humiliating when Christian guys even fondle and kiss their girlfriends or wives in front of me as if to underline that they are not attracted to me (and I honestly don't think I am a flirt). I think the disparity also makes the men lazy; they know that they will just be able to pick the girl they like most when they are ready and do not make an effort to build relationships with girls outside of that context.	Aug 23, 2012 10:13 PM
44	None of the above really. Isn't it more important that more men find faith in God regardless of whether they're in or out of the church or a relationship?	Aug 23, 2012 4:05 PM
45	I am concerned because it would seem to me that Jesus wouldn't have it like this - the church is sometimes far to femine	Aug 23, 2012 3:15 PM
46	In my church there are only two single men in their 20s/30s. Whenever I talk to one of them other people talk about it in hushed tones or make embarrassing comments. In the past this has resulted in one of the single men staying away from church for a month and refusing to speak to me again!	Aug 23, 2012 2:33 PM
47	There should be more men in church not just for husband material but because it is a healthy balance for any community.	Aug 23, 2012 8:38 AM
48	One of the problems I have found is that in my church, all the men who are my age are married and part of families. Single men are very young or very old. There are single women my age. The lack of men in church only becomes a problem if you are convicted by the teaching of having to marry a christian.	Aug 23, 2012 2:23 AM
49	In my experience it may intensify the demand on the men who are in demand but I don;t feel if there were a million more women in the church it would improve my chances, more men won;t alter human nature the highly demanded people will remain in demand.	Aug 22, 2012 3:50 PM
50	I don't think it's a relationship issue unless as a single woman you are looking to find a husband through Church. I find it worrying that Church is seen as a woman's thing and that when you are looking for people to go into various kinds of ministry it is generally only the women who volunteer.	Aug 22, 2012 3:30 PM
51	It should be irrelevant. God has the power to introduce me to the man who will be my husband and it doesn't matter if that is in my church or not. Also the man I meet may not be a Christian but will come to know Christ through me. When I go to church, I go to worship God and to hold fellowship with other Christians, seeking out a husband is not on my list of things to do whilst I'm there.	Aug 22, 2012 8:25 AM
52	It hasn't made a difference to me although it does make me feel slightly more	Aug 21, 2012 7:13 PM

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encouraged and optimistic about finding a wife.

53	I wish that the church was more relevant for men. There's been lots of teaching on emotions/emotional issues which brings in women but can be perceived as irrelevant for men. Men need a strong leader to follow and lots of masculine activities where they can build commeraderie and fellowship.	Aug 21, 2012 10:02 AM
54	I think the church needs to address the lack of young men in it - not just because I have a personal interest in finding one to marry but because the imbalance is not healthy for the future of the church.	Aug 21, 2012 9:37 AM
55	It's hard - but means I have to trust God even more which is probably not a bad thing!	Aug 20, 2012 11:40 AM
56	Married men in the church don't really communicate with single women in the church when their wife's are around	Aug 18, 2012 1:33 PM
57	I am concerned because it lessens the chance of women finding a husband. Lack of role models and male christina company	Aug 14, 2012 7:50 AM
58	Yes at my age it's very hard to find men, but at least God has made things very clear. The disparity gives men the temptation to stay immature, to flirt with women and drop them, when in wider society, they would be out of their league quite often. It also makes many women too nervous to accept advances from a Christian man because of the realistic fear that that man isn't genuinely serious about them. All in all, it makes the whole idea of starting relationships full of abnormal anxieties and even despair. I know that many women leave church as a result. Maybe this is why I meet so few single women over 30 in church, even in the city centre of one of Britain's capital cities.	Aug 12, 2012 10:47 AM
59	No answer really matches how I feel, in my case, single women far outnumber men, but it also means the single women are quite hard to hang out with as they often do things without men around so can feel the odd one out	Aug 12, 2012 10:44 AM
60	some men in the church are a bit wishy washy and not very strong, nor passionate about God. be great if there were real men of God and who shared their faith with make friends and bring them into the church	Aug 9, 2012 7:06 PM
61	I think it may cause some women to marry non-Christians thus increasing their chance of falling away.	Aug 9, 2012 12:27 PM
62	How faith can help with demasculisation - male activities eg my church has a men's group that meets to do gym circuits, Invite speakers via CVM to speak, challenge men to share faith with work colleagues, friends, neighbours, etc. Not sure of stats but think that if men are fathers more likely that whole family will follow him into church.	Aug 9, 2012 10:04 AM
63	I disagree.	Aug 8, 2012 10:54 AM
64	this is a problem as the lack of men in the church means a lack of future leadership if more women become church leaders the church will be more feminine and less welcoming to men so numbers will decrease further	Aug 7, 2012 8:52 PM
65	I think it is an issue not just for relationships but for the younger generation who already have bad male role models. We need men in Church who can mentor and offer a positive role model for young men	Aug 7, 2012 5:48 PM

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66	It means some men are reluctant to have friendships with women, because they appear concerned that women will get the wrong idea. It also places far too much power in men's hands, leaving to situations where men don't ask women out because they are holding out for what they consider to be the 'perfect woman', and the women around them feeling inadequate.	Aug 7, 2012 5:23 PM
67	I'm concerned because it means there is a shortage of men in the church irrespective of whether or not they turn out to be marriage partners for anyone!	Aug 5, 2012 3:32 PM
68	i think that men think any single woman that speaks to them is expecting to marry them so they are quite wary.	Aug 5, 2012 1:16 PM
69	I guess you can't really control the gender of people joining a church can you> Unless you target specific ministries...but hey, that's all down to God too~	Aug 4, 2012 3:08 PM
70	I think my church is fortunate enough to be fairly balanced. However, in a church where women noticeably outnumber men, some men might be discouraged from entering that church.	Aug 4, 2012 12:17 PM
71	It is an important issue and one that isn't so easy to change. A strong christian man will build a strong home and this is what the enemy fights against.	Aug 4, 2012 2:16 AM
72	This is a huge issue - we need to provide a more masculine environment for men within the church. I think that men in the church have so much choice that they do not feel they need to pursue women - as a result, many men in the church are passive and do not ask women out. They also become very picky - the whole situation goes against god's design for men and women - men are designed to pursue women but because there are so many women, they are less proactive about asking them out - if they were outside the church they would have a bit of healthy competition!!	Aug 1, 2012 4:28 PM
73	This is very true!	Jul 31, 2012 10:07 AM
74	Must ar'nt really interested anyway unless your really going on with christ	Jul 30, 2012 4:48 PM
75	it is so awkward when other people try match make	Jul 30, 2012 2:21 PM
76	I am attending church to worship God, meeting a potentia husbandl is not my primary focus. Would be delighted if this happended of course !!	Jul 30, 2012 1:52 PM
77	Its also worrying for the church in general as we need strong men to lead the church	Jul 30, 2012 10:43 AM
78	I notice this only slightly. I'm conscious always to be restrained, not to be on the prowl and not hunting. I don't want to be seen to force myself on people, but that applies almost as much to men as to women. I don't see it as a problem unique to the church and is similar in, say, adult education or other social groups. I realise that a few people go to to church or other activities with the agenda of meeting people and this strikes me as the wrong reason. Can't think of any way to improve the situation..	Jul 30, 2012 7:00 AM
79	I have not looked into my church family for a potential husband	Jul 30, 2012 3:50 AM
80	Society is a mixture and balance of male/female so the church is imbalanced and I miss having male friends and colleagues in the church (before finding a	Jul 29, 2012 9:50 AM

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	husband) The male is generally the figure-head of a church but the females do all the hard work behind the scenes - all change will come with revival	
81	Yes, I am aware the there're always more single christian women but I'm rather inclined to believe that single christian men just don't attend church. I know of some really good guys who say they are christians but then they can't seem to find a church to fit in, maybe they are fussy or they only go to church to look for girls and stop attending when they can't find a partner.	Jul 27, 2012 1:05 PM
82	Too many older women in my church	Jul 27, 2012 2:29 AM
83	The more the authentic difficulty of following the Gospel is emphasised, the more men join.	Jul 26, 2012 2:20 AM
84	Sometimes the church seems culturally contrasted to typical male lifestyles, as in... the church can be seen as overly feminine. I think there is room for both typical men and less masculine men in the church, however the view from the outside of the church is that it's a place for the non-macho types...	Jul 25, 2012 9:49 AM
85	Church is to feminine for men. Many of the male leaders need to be better examples of Godly men. So men will want to relate and take instruction from them	Jul 23, 2012 7:26 AM
86	It would be nice to nice more men in church , particularly in the 30-40 's age range.	Jul 23, 2012 6:55 AM
87	It is often funny to see the little 'bake-off' competitions that go one between the women when a new single man enters the church. If and when God wants me to be with someone He will bring them to me or me to them.	Jul 22, 2012 2:44 AM
88	I think we need to address this issue - what is it that stops men from going to church and maturing in the faith? It has impacted me directly and is really sad. however God has a plan for me with or with out a husband. So yes it needs addressing but not stemming from a personal sense of seeing the odds are against me.	Jul 21, 2012 4:31 AM
89	Historically this has always been the case.	Jul 21, 2012 4:30 AM
90	I think it means that the men in the church have more choice, and can be very choosy, which can leave those left 'on the shelf' with low self esteem.	Jul 20, 2012 3:57 PM
91	We prayed for more men and they are arriving in God's timing. Not having men around means that the men there are have to do a lot of the more physical work or the ladies have to do it! Young men and boys need good male role models too.	Jul 20, 2012 3:45 PM
92	Most of my experience has been an excess of married women in the church, However this may be the type of church that I attend.	Jul 20, 2012 2:12 PM
93	It can make socialising difficult as people automatically think I might be a threat to their husbands, or simply interested in them as a potential husband. (Married) people also try to set single people up together. (I would like to be married, but am not desperate or interested in anybody else's husband!).	Jul 20, 2012 4:20 AM
94	This is the only box I could tick. However, I am not glad as I want to see an equal balance of men and women.	Jul 19, 2012 1:45 PM
95	the culture is too feminine and it puts men off. This is a huge idssue that	Jul 19, 2012 6:02 AM

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	desperatly needs to be addressed. Why is the church not doing so, when this gross imbalance is staring them in the face - I don't get it.	
96	To emphasise the more masculine side of Christianity. More masculine music eg. "Rise up o men of God." rather than "Jesus i'm so in love with you." Churches arranging otreach events for men eg. Football, Paintballing, Go Karting.	Jul 18, 2012 12:25 PM
97	None of the answers above reflects my feelings on this issue. I am aware that generally, more women attend church than men. In my opinion this is largely due to the passive nature of church services. Men are more likely to want to do things and be active, and are not as good at sitting still as women are. This is mainly due to the male hormone testosterone. Although the greater numbers of women in church should in theory make it easier for me, as a young man, to find a wife in church, this hasn't been my experience at a local level, and although there are more women than men in my own church, this is largely in my view caused by the fact that many women are widows, and go on attending church after their husbands die. There are fewer widowers who do this. I am aware of women attending without their husbands, and am frustrated by the fact that many Christian women marry men who have no interest in attending church, yet I as a Christian man who attends church, have not found a wife. To improve things, make services less passive, and establish a men's group in each church.	Jul 18, 2012 10:09 AM
98	We need more men of God the world would be a better place!	Jul 17, 2012 2:10 PM
99	This is an historic problem. I'm not sure what the answer is.	Jul 17, 2012 1:07 PM
100	I feel sorry for some women who are much more restricted in their choice of partner	Jul 17, 2012 10:25 AM
101	Closest answer, but a greater ratio of women to men has never helped me personally on this front.	Jul 16, 2012 5:47 PM
102	None of the above statements reflect my view point. I am VERY concerned about there being more women than men in the church because I think it leads, totally unnecessarily, to a lot of good, attractive, loving Christian women having to live lonely, frustrated single lives. Also I don't personally think it works in single Christian mens' favour either, because single Christian women become hardened to the chance of meeting any men at church and this just further contributes to the general distance between single Christians of both sexes.	Jul 16, 2012 5:28 PM
103	My experience is that there are many more single guys in my age group, in church and in home group. I never experienced the other situation, and in many different churches - are we sure about our figures? Where do we get them from? Its all rather bleak from where I am standing!!	Jul 16, 2012 12:49 PM
104	there are very few single males my age and when they dont all share my morals that makes it impossible	Jul 16, 2012 11:30 AM
105	In our Church its pretty balanced.	Jul 16, 2012 7:09 AM
106	Many men may see the game playing that happens in some churches and stay away just like me...a woman	Jul 16, 2012 1:25 AM
107	None of the above is relevant. The problem is that the church has become feminised due to being swayed much more by society than by the bible. This	Jul 14, 2012 10:52 AM

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	then generates such a low view of scripture that the end result is anything goes. biblical values are thrown out the window.	
108	I think its a shame that chritianity is seen as wimpy by blokes	Jul 14, 2012 2:32 AM
109	Some men in church I know seem to date woman after woman for a short period (but act very serious and long-term each time, only to end it and move on quickly). In actual fact it gives the impression that they are taking their time and 'shopping around' (for want of a better phrase). Women don't have that luxury! It seems to be taught that women should just sit back and wait, that they should never pursue or flirt. I'm not sure that is good teaching! Women fear they will be judged if they speak up and say they like someone or ask a guy out. All that said, there are some single guys in church who just get overlooked. Normally this is because of shyness or looks rather than personality or faith (and sometimes because of poor hygiene or self management!) This is the topic that most concerns me and probably most women in church. They fear there aren't enough men to go around. And some after many years seem to let their standards slip and start dating people who don't share their faith. Shame :(Jul 13, 2012 1:41 PM
110	The church does not cater for or encourage men.	Jul 12, 2012 9:38 PM
111	but then...so does my feminism and socialism	Jul 12, 2012 1:56 PM
112	It's good for me as a man! I hope it doesn't change though in my church it is about 50/50 male to female	Jul 12, 2012 1:39 PM
113	Seriously it doesn't matter because a guy can only like one girl at a time if he like you he likes you if he doesn't he doesn't It's sad though because if this disparity girls often go for non Christians	Jul 12, 2012 9:14 AM
114	no comments	Jul 12, 2012 9:06 AM
115	It depends whether we consider it's our responsibility to find a spouse, or whether we can have a surrendered attitude and trust/faith in God to sort this area of our lives out, as He does other areas	Jul 11, 2012 11:21 AM
116	Not enough compatible women. Very few single women. No decent singles groups for 30-40's	Jul 10, 2012 8:42 PM
117	It is a shame, and when I was younger, there were a shortage of younger men, and it hasn't changed.	Jul 10, 2012 4:55 AM
118	None of the answers above refect how I 'feel'. I suppose I have a question and a comment: 1. If most of the membership is female why is most of the leadership male? 2. The lack of men in the church perhaps reflects the lack of strong male role models within the church.	Jul 10, 2012 4:07 AM
119	this is an area the church needs to prayer into as the devils lie is that "church is for women & old people" the church started with 12 men, fishermen, the church is weak ,becuase men believe this lie, we need men in the the church not just for marriage, but to build the church up and to come against the enemys lie. the church is losing it young women because of the lack of christian men!!	Jul 10, 2012 1:44 AM
120	Men can be undecisive and not treat every woman with due respect	Jul 9, 2012 2:43 PM
121	Depending on the size of the church, t here needs to be ways of the various	Jul 9, 2012 3:59 AM

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	people groups coming together. This is very difficult in the city churches.	
122	Some females have to deal with unwanted attention from males eager to find a mate. The church does not always deal with this issue sensitively & sometimes doesnot take it seriously.	Jul 8, 2012 1:12 PM
123	It depends which church you go to.	Jul 8, 2012 9:52 AM
124	I understand that there may be more women than men in some churches. Within my local church, I think that we have a good mix.	Jul 8, 2012 4:21 AM
125	I've been single all my life and a Christian for 20+ years and I've spent most of my latter life in my small Church congregation which tends to have an even split of men / women and is male dominated. Even at the big joint Church celebration meetings that cover the whole conurbation (about 1/4 million) I notice there are very few women that appear to be on their own nor have shown any interest in meeting people like myself afterwards. I also know many single Christian men in my Town - but not many single women (not divorced).	Jul 6, 2012 3:49 PM
126	I think it is very worrying for many women who want to find a Christian husband	Jul 6, 2012 2:59 AM
127	It may result in single women being attracted to married men. I don't know how things could be improved.	Jul 5, 2012 11:49 AM
128	I am concerned but not because it lessens my chance of finding a husband - if that is God's plan for my life it will happen. It concerns me because somehow we are not communicating the Gospel in a way that is attractive to men.	Jul 5, 2012 3:32 AM
129	god saves whom he will male or female	Jul 4, 2012 7:08 AM
130	more men focused activites so they can form freindships with other guys and not be put off	Jul 4, 2012 12:55 AM
131	It's hard in the suburban, family friendly church. A lot of evangelism is done at the school gate. Like attracts like so most couples seem to have couple friends. When a single guy does come along people try so hard to helpfully point this out that it becomes to embarrassing to talk to them. Still, it only takes 1.	Jul 3, 2012 4:43 PM
132	It does mean that some women look outside of the church for a partner as the imbalance is large. More might be done by church leaders to helps single women to consider other options of which there are several including online dating.	Jul 3, 2012 3:44 PM
133	I find it more concerned because there needs to be strong male role models in the Church, to then support and encourage other young men in their faith. Also, if I were to get married and have children, I would like if I had a son, for them to have several examples of Christian men in their life.	Jul 3, 2012 2:48 PM
134	Statistically true, possibly, but not terribly important to this single instance.	Jul 3, 2012 12:54 PM
135	i have a older friend who went to a christian dating site and found her husband bec she didnt want to 'fight' over all the single men that came into the church with the other women	Jul 3, 2012 10:48 AM

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136	Most of the ladies that I know are married already so I can't comment.	Jul 3, 2012 10:46 AM
137	I am concerned about it for the church's future	Jul 3, 2012 10:24 AM
138	in my experience it has always been the other way round!	Jul 3, 2012 10:12 AM
139	I have a couple of men friends who were bought up in the church, but left it when a teenager or in their 20s - they don't feel God is relevant for them, and I think they're letting their past experience influence them now, especially when one man lost his Dad early, and says "Why did God do that?" At the church I attend now, (I was led to Jesus in 2006 by my friend Andrea after being an atheist for 45 years), we have lots of men who are great role models, strong confident family men, and a few young men of different races - we also have other men who attend our community gospel choir who don't attend church, unless we're performing, which is a shame, because Jesus' 12 disciples were all men... I think some men are afraid to attend and show they're vulnerable, or searching for something, maybe it's not macho or they think it's not relevant to them - maybe the church needs to "man up"!!! Maybe have famous men talk about their faith in the same way mental health was highlighted by Stephen Fry, etc... Just a thought....	Jul 3, 2012 8:47 AM
140	Any new handsome man can be overwhelmed by the interest of several ladies!! I have seen it happen!	Jul 3, 2012 4:55 AM
141	There are more women in the church; however most are married, engaged, too young for me or just not interested	Jul 3, 2012 3:55 AM
142	Although I think very highly of Christian women, and I usually enjoy their company, I think tht the sex-imbalance in the Church is a bad thing. The atmosphere is far too feminine (women fare better in a masculine atmosphere than men in a feminine one), and female clergy has done nothing to help.The church has a weak and effete image in the outside world and this puts a lot of men off.	Jul 3, 2012 3:18 AM
143	The Church might be in danger of over-feminity in some of its activities.	Jul 3, 2012 3:14 AM
144	It does appear there are more single women and also single mothers in the church now	Jul 3, 2012 1:59 AM
145	I think it makes life much harder for both single men and single women in church because there is no-one to engage with or be friendly with who is not already married, and this can cause some difficulties. It's nice to have friends of both sexes and be comfortable with that	Jul 3, 2012 1:28 AM
146	There is always more women in church than men (except in Vineyard churches!) part of the reason is that so many churches are female orientated socially - some churches are now addressing this with mens social events but we have a long way to go.	Jul 2, 2012 11:45 PM
147	More pastors preaching the Gospel with challenge as Jesus preached it and making disciples of men, young and old	Jul 2, 2012 3:15 PM
148	Don't seem to find enough single women	Jul 2, 2012 2:57 PM
149	It is a terrible problem that is way bigger than the space this box allows. Churches are mostly run by men and attended by women. fragments in relationships between men that the church needs to address.	Jul 2, 2012 2:37 PM

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150	The church needs to be relevant to men, and reaching men. Sport-related events help.	Jul 2, 2012 2:09 PM
151	Difficult to meet single christian men if they are'nt in the churches especially in small churches. Need more male leadership in the church.	Jul 2, 2012 2:00 PM
152	It probably makes women compete for the attention of any free men	Jul 2, 2012 1:38 PM
153	men despite being christian are often face first people, which in particular for me is frustrating because i work for a church, i am not seen as a "potential". i get washed over and usually have little time to speak to guys during church, there are more older men than there are peers for me. it does upset you though when people dont take the time out to know you, i am busy in the church and it would be nice if the guy could make an effort instead of thinking that im busy and therefore leaving me to it. Christians are taught for the men to lead so i am trying to be pushy and giving the men time to initiate and practice leadership yet that doesnt seem to happen. This does affect my faith in that im growing weary of all this, it is easier to find a non christian husband!	Jul 2, 2012 1:24 PM
154	It is not a beneficial environment for men and boys to be surrounded by churches predominant with women all the time. They have their own issues which can only be effectively dealt with by other men and they need to be supported by each other. On the issue of marriage, I have never believed that I will only find a potential Christian husband within the four walls of church so I'm not personally bothered by there being less men there.	Jul 2, 2012 1:01 PM
155	I don't think this is a concern just for the chances of finding a husband - I think it is indicative of further significant issues in church culture.	Jul 2, 2012 1:01 PM
156	Not just because of the issue of finding a Christian partner but because it would be good to have a balance anyway.	Jul 2, 2012 12:22 PM
157	It shouldn't affect behaviour, as Christians we should not compete/exclude etc. I know that in my previous church, some men found lengthy times of charismatic worship too emotional and expressive. I think it helps men if they have strong role models and the existing men in a church are successful, attractive, positive people. My present church has a men's social meeting once a month, with interesting speakers, visits out, etc	Jul 2, 2012 12:05 PM
158	It's the same outside of church - I'm not sure why	Jul 2, 2012 11:45 AM
159	I believe it is an issue (not for me finding a husband, as God only needs to bring the one into my life), but because we need pillars in the church. And there are roles meant for men in the church, but God is using women, as the men just aren't there / spiritually mature enough.	Jul 2, 2012 11:23 AM
160	Change worship to be more inclusive. Have a church football league. Mens breakfasts.	Jul 2, 2012 11:17 AM
161	I believe that God will guide me to the right person at the right time. It is hard waiting but not as hard as when I was younger, child less and waiting/	Jul 2, 2012 11:04 AM
162	My church is only around 150 and there is more of a balance... I would rather there were more women though! :)	Jul 2, 2012 10:04 AM
163	As a single man in the Church this statistic makes me wonder even more what's wrong that I have no success with the opposite sex.	Jul 2, 2012 10:00 AM

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164	Strongly concerned, but not for the reason given above.	Jul 2, 2012 9:15 AM
165	The church needs to try and reach out to men and make services more male friendly. Its a hard task, because the church effectively needs to appeal to all and be all things to all people in a sense.	Jul 1, 2012 4:24 PM
166	one guy said to me about 2 years ago when challenged about why he wasnt bringing his male mates to church was simply because it would increase the competition for him and the other guys in church (and he was deadly serious)- with this attitude its hardly any surprise we are in the current state.	Jul 1, 2012 2:51 PM
167	This does not apply to the Church I attend and I am not sure it is the case for the Catholic Church in general.	Jul 1, 2012 10:39 AM
168	Churches holding specific events that appeal to men.	Jul 1, 2012 9:33 AM
169	I think women get antsy and worried they won't find a guy and guy take their time because they have greater choice. I think do need to be a bit more chilled out and enjoy dating to get to know each other.	Jul 1, 2012 6:02 AM
170	None of the above responses fit with what I think but there is a disparity but you cannot force poeple to come to Christ they will come at the appointed time. The worls we live in seems to pull people at different times in their lives and ii just depends on where you are at a given time... God does have a plan	Jun 30, 2012 3:01 PM
171	I can see how this issue might create some rivalry between those who are looking for a partner due to the limited number of available men in the church.Having experienced speed dating in order to meet men (which felt like a meat market where I was expected to sell myself) I feel that church may become this for some people which dishonours God especially if "partner searching" becomes the main reason to attend church. Improvement could be made by building a network of affordable or free events in local areas (not just London) where Christians of all ages can meet without the stigma of being a 30, 40, 50 something and where the building of relationships based on mutual interests and attraction in a non threatening and non cheesy way can be developed. The secular world seems to have embraced the social networking approach however the Christian world appears to be quite ageist and behind the times in its approach to who will be attracted to who and this then marginalises people even more.	Jun 28, 2012 4:08 PM
172	Only a human level it is concerning, 'but God'..... HE knows what He is doing, and I'm living in expectation of His return-He is the one I'm waiting for and if He has reserved a guy for me thats a bonus. Its tricky when there is one guy and loads of girls-out of loyalty you want to step back if your friend is interested in someone-its hard to know the etiquette. Online dating seems a good idea when its a matter of connecting the one or two single people in each church, and I'm sure serving together is the healthiest way of meeting and growing in a relationship.	Jun 28, 2012 10:07 AM
173	The imbalance of male to female results in: desparation and panic for those wanting a Christian partner, the adoption of provocative dress to attract males, womens willingness to have sex before marriage or even on a first date to secure a second date, the pain of childlessness, low self esteem, males adopting an unrealistic expection of the women they should date and marry - must be very slim, beautiful and 15 years younger etc. This results in many single women in their 40s and 50s being ignored by men in their own age range. How could this be improved - evangelise men (CVMen.org,	Jun 28, 2012 8:26 AM

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	challenge men on their motives and expectations. more younger women being cruel to be kind by telling older men straight "You're just too old for me!"	
174	Generally concerned, esp as men are leading the church but not entering it.	Jun 27, 2012 6:25 PM
175	The church needs to address why it is not drawing men into church. I think masculinity should be tackled and that some men struggle with their identity in this day and age, are they free to be men ? Men should feel free to be themselves and be able to see Christ as a manly figure.	Jun 27, 2012 2:58 PM
176	I am concerned because it makes the church imbalanced and feminised, and less likely to attract men to faith, and the imbalance thereby becomes self-perpetuating. The fact that many men would not regard the Christian faith as particularly manly/masculine is infinitely more important than the shortage of husbands for single Christian women.	Jun 27, 2012 8:24 AM
177	Churches are not 'man-friendly' and I don't blame men for not attending. The few Christian men that are in church are not at all masculine - I don't mean that they are feminine, but it is as if they are afraid of being men.	Jun 26, 2012 1:45 PM
178	It is VERY disheartening for women. For women in the church who want to one day get married and have a family, it is doubly disheartening, because the statistics on the lack of men don't only diminish the chance that we might get married, but also the (related) chance of having kids. It means men have lots of choice from lots of beautiful Christian girls, and women have far less choice. Sometimes I wonder whether Christian men are less proactive and ask girls out less and take fewer risks because there's not much competition! Whilst nothing is impossible for God, the statistics require some sort of miracle!	Jun 26, 2012 12:23 PM
179	harder for women	Jun 26, 2012 10:51 AM
180	A lack of men means that the opportunity to marry a Christian is less and less for women. Great for men though. I do not understand that there is even one single man in the church!!	Jun 26, 2012 3:35 AM
181	Being an older man and having been through a divorce and a bereavement not sure I am looking for a wife. If Jesus bring me the right person at my age might consider the engagement. I think that the Lord brings people together and to rush through it ourselves it could be a disaster.	Jun 25, 2012 2:49 PM
182	Men feel they have so much choice and act sometimes in unchristian manner. Church image needs to change, Christianity is seen as feminine and only weak men believe, men that want to be seen as strong may not weak.	Jun 25, 2012 1:52 PM
183	yes - more women please. if they outnumber men 20 to 1 - wonderful. most of them have no desire to be leaders also - which is also wonderful.	Jun 24, 2012 4:45 PM
184	harder to have male friendships even and a male view on things, i think men leave church as they do not form friendships men and women need to be accountable and be able to discuss dating from a christian point and not just from married people. this imbalance reduces male perspectives	Jun 23, 2012 2:48 PM
185	It is very hard to know hey there are fewer men than women in the Church. I think this possibly has to do with wider social trends.	Jun 23, 2012 1:51 PM

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186	The church should ask itself why this is the case and try to address the problem. I guess it can lead to couples getting together because there is no one else when in fact they are not very compatible and marriage will be a struggle or a disaster for them. The men have far more choice but can be tempted to 'play the field' maybe.	Jun 23, 2012 10:46 AM
187	The church isn't a dating agency - that isn't the reason for being part of it so I see no relevance in asking this kind of question. The questions on the following page have only answers that make me appear as though I don't care - my feelings is that we should all be accepted as part of what the church does rather than there being separate groups for singles etc. My church is multinational so would you also suggest that we have a group for each of the nations represented as we would then have an awful lot of small groups not joining in with the vision of the church but wanting the church to just have a section for each of them. I also hate "family" services, which you might say excluded single people, but my church doesn't do those either.	Jun 23, 2012 8:04 AM
188	There are more older women but there seems to be more younger men. there aren't enough young women going to church, which saddens me.	Jun 23, 2012 3:26 AM
189	I have heard it as from a textbook, but the effect in practicality does not show.	Jun 22, 2012 4:22 PM
190	I've always trusted God with this until recently. I know the reality of the statistics and that means a too big a percentage of christian women who would like to be married will not find a christian guy- this is faith challenging and can seriously affect life. I find the imbalance difficult and then also some practicalities of divorces leaving people to search again and adding different challenges to a new relationship.	Jun 22, 2012 4:07 PM
191	It seems statistically improbably that every christian woman could marry a christian man when the numbers don't add up!	Jun 22, 2012 3:56 PM
192	interesting for me to look at if there is an in-balance and which way it leans.	Jun 22, 2012 3:41 PM
193	God is in control	Jun 22, 2012 1:19 PM
194	More outreach to men and boys. Less 'feminine' stuff in church. More male leaders	Jun 22, 2012 12:33 PM
195	i also think this imbalance is a concern for other reasons...i think we need more good christain male role models in the world.	Jun 22, 2012 11:37 AM
196	Not sure that the imbalance is true. It may be a myth. Christian singles groups have fewer men but I think that this is because the men are less sociable than the women. I.e. There are plenty of single Christian men but they are less visible.	Jun 22, 2012 10:44 AM
197	It does concern me - there are several wives at Church who cannot take as full a part in Church activities as they would like because of their husbands.	Jun 22, 2012 9:40 AM
198	We need more men in church, but they are very hard to reach with the gospel, we need to do better at this. It will mean more women remain single, we need to be able to support them in this.	Jun 22, 2012 8:54 AM
199	It's bad for the men. It's bad for the women. It's bad for the children. It's bad for everyone. there are roughly 50% men and 50% women in the world! the church should reflect this! There are roughly twice as many women in the church as men! This is clearly skewed and out of balance and it should	Jun 22, 2012 7:33 AM

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	be of utmost importance to get more men saved and bring more men to church!	
200	I don't agree with any of those as I am not specifically going to church to find a husband, but I think it having similar numbers of men and woman gives a more balanced outlook	Jun 22, 2012 6:59 AM
201	This is problematic the church has become feminist men need challenge	Jun 22, 2012 6:25 AM
202	Churches seem to be feminised, hard to be a proper man. Men need to be drivers-not passengers. Being a passenger makes men passive...affecting natural leadership. God made women to help and they excel at supporting.	Jun 21, 2012 4:31 PM
203	I feel sad for the men that they don't have so many masculine role models. I also feel sad for so many beautiful women I know that are single filling up the church pews and wondering where all the men are. I think sometimes single guys in the church don't get how the women feel. I've had several men flirt with me and play one women after the other (some intentionally, some not) and this damages the women in the church because its like water in a desert when there are men around! Its confusing to be treated this way.	Jun 21, 2012 3:59 PM
204	Have seen some women getting very competitive over guys - have had friends who have fallen out with other female friends over it. I do sometimes feel that the guys have so much choice they can't decide so don't take any initiative and perhaps get quite picky.	Jun 21, 2012 3:44 PM
205	yes, very worried, would love to meet a godly man, but limited throughout the whole churches i am involved with. NO nexistent i would say....	Jun 21, 2012 12:12 PM
206	Not sure how things could be improved.	Jun 21, 2012 10:00 AM
207	I am very concerned about this imbalance - statistics show if you reach a man, then the whole family is more likely to stay in the church. Once in the church, men could and need to be shown how to reach out to other men, whether single or married. Dont just make this an issue for singleness.	Jun 21, 2012 7:00 AM
208	I find the problem of a lack of people my age more of a problem	Jun 21, 2012 6:39 AM
209	I believe that it's a much bigger and more complex decision for men to become Christians because they are giving over control to God. I totally understand that but the church has to become more attractive to them.	Jun 21, 2012 5:53 AM
210	I think this relates to what we offer men, a more effeminate God than a strong God. I am not sure that churches also encourage what men there are to take positive steps towards finding a partner.	Jun 21, 2012 5:01 AM
211	i feel my church has quite a good male/female ratio	Jun 21, 2012 3:29 AM
212	As someone who has,always had male friends outside of Church, regardless of my marital status, I miss male friends.	Jun 20, 2012 11:08 PM
213	Both my churches have been heavily man based and have struggled with finding women to be a strong part of the church.	Jun 20, 2012 4:16 PM
214	Since most single women in the church are teenagers or retired widowed, my options are limited to non existant.	Jun 20, 2012 3:43 PM
215	I don't always feel the man's point of view is readily available in all areas of	Jun 20, 2012 1:46 PM

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	the church. Many committees contain lots of women. We need to encourage men to take a more active role in church life - not sure how his can be done.	
216	I think more men in church would be good because it's good to have men in church.	Jun 20, 2012 1:40 PM
217	I have known this for years - it's a very depressing fact especially when you are committed to only marrying a believer.	Jun 20, 2012 1:09 PM
218	Men are spoilt for choice and in a power position and can atimes treat women disrespectively. Christian men have to be mentored in godly values in their behaviour and attitude towards single Christian women.	Jun 20, 2012 1:07 PM
219	It makes it more painful being outnumbered and still single	Jun 20, 2012 11:35 AM
220	It used to bother me when I was single - but events with equal numbers were excellent!	Jun 20, 2012 10:52 AM
221	This imbalance can make life very difficult for single men in the Church. Not only can they be pursued by desperate but unsuitable women, they can also be pressurized by those who seek to cure the problem of singles by marrying them off to each other. On the other hand being faced with so many options for a suitable wife can leave a man paralyzed and unable to take the initiative in starting a relationship.	Jun 20, 2012 8:47 AM
222	Christian men can get away with being very choosy and dating far younger than they would get away with outside Christian circles, because of the lack of competition! Obviously they don't all behave in this way, but some do. If you're not the prettiest, it does seem you'd have better chances outside the chuch. The other main problem I've experienced is the way that any conversation between a single man and single woman in the church leads to ridiculous nudge-nudge behaviour from others in the congregation. When I was younger this used to put unhelpful pressure on one of my much needed platonic friendships with a guy, and made it much harder to behave naturally and flirt naturally with the one guy who did turn up on my radar.	Jun 20, 2012 8:42 AM
223	I haven't seen a potential match in months. All the women who are left are unattractive, dress poorly and behave in a strange christian manner which is unsexi.	Jun 20, 2012 8:31 AM
224	As a man this isn't such a pressing issue for me. However I think it does contribute towards the feminisation of the church, which in turn deters even more men! It also means fewer people dating which produces a church community where being single is more normal, which deters people from dating!	Jun 20, 2012 7:58 AM
225	There are very few young men in my church or others I've been to - very little chance of meeting someone via church	Jun 20, 2012 7:50 AM
226	I have been aware statsitically that this is the case but my church the ratio of single men / women has been fairly balanced	Jun 20, 2012 6:52 AM
227	A lot of women are church hopping! if they're are not enough eligable men at their church they go to abnother one! I know lots of women who have one regular church and then they visit others, now and then, to check out the guys!	Jun 20, 2012 5:06 AM
228	It's just generally sad! I miss men as friends and leaders, not just potential	Jun 20, 2012 4:50 AM

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	husbands!	
229	The trouble is - at 67 - all the good ones are already allocated!	Jun 20, 2012 4:49 AM
230	Single men in my church are often taken under someone wing and invited out eg Sunday lunch. The single women I know in church are not often invited out by families or couples.	Jun 20, 2012 4:47 AM
231	Make church more brave and real so men want to come	Jun 20, 2012 3:32 AM
232	There is a huge issue in church especially with people and specifically females who come to God later in life where men simply don't speak to or interact with the females. I've been in my church for a year and I have spoken to a member of the opposite sex maybe a handful of times.	Jun 20, 2012 2:38 AM
233	I'm concerned but am not looking for a wife.	Jun 19, 2012 3:30 PM
234	Good for finding female friends and socialising, but v few men when looking for a husband!	Jun 19, 2012 2:36 PM
235	Actually as we are getting more younger people in our church this is becoming less true but that doesn't help me as the only nice men in my age group in church are all married!!!	Jun 19, 2012 2:23 PM
236	I notice that men are shopping online even when there are beautiful young committed Christian women around in the church. This seems a bit wired to me.	Jun 19, 2012 1:01 PM
237	I really believe that if Churches are aimed slightly more towards the men then there will be more men and more women as women enjoy the topics and more manly aspects of Church. It should be a good balance and often it is not.	Jun 19, 2012 11:24 AM
238	This is a HUGE issue. The BBC programme 'Strictly Soulmates' stated that there ratio of single women to men amongst evangelical Christians is roughly 7 to 1. This figure tallies with my own experience and that of my friends. In my church there are no single Christian men under 50. Those men that are single have described there experiences as like 'being in a sweetie shop', and some are incapable of making a decision as they are spoilt for choice. Most of my single Christian female friends and I anticipate that we will be single and childless for life as a direct result of the lack of single men in the church. We are offered no support by the church to manage our situation - in fact it is not even acknowledged or recognised as an issue the church needs to address. It is an issue that will affect us for the whole of our lives - no children, no grandchildren. And the constant elevation of family life and marriage, and the assumption by preachers that the audience are married, only enhances the experience of hurt and isolation as a single person. I know of single female friends who have succumbed to the pressure of family and friends by forming relationships with non-Christians. This is an ongoing temptation into a lifestyle of permanent rebellion against God to which the church offers no support and protection.	Jun 19, 2012 10:42 AM
239	It is generally harder for women to meet potential husbands. It helps when organisations organising events for single Christians try to balance the numbers attending between men and women.	Jun 18, 2012 2:07 PM
240	We need to ensure that church is welcoming to men.	Jun 18, 2012 8:42 AM

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241	I think it's a very important issue but not because of the potential for marriage partners. It's much more important because of the issue of church leadership.	Jun 18, 2012 3:20 AM
242	most single women in the church are there because they have outlived there husbands and so that distorts the figures	Jun 17, 2012 3:16 PM
243	We serve a great big wonderful God who is faithful & has the power to save & touch a mans heart in order for him to change his life & follow after Christ. Fair, Hope & trust is what is required. We must Believe God is able 2 provide our needs.	Jun 16, 2012 1:43 AM
244	I think it means there are men who purposely come to the church to find a female because they can and they have a lot of control and autonomy and this concerns me when the males character is not good and is manipulative as I have observed. Not sure how it could be imporved as there are lesssingle men in the world as well as the church.	Jun 15, 2012 9:47 AM
245	It is not a normal situation.	Jun 15, 2012 9:28 AM
246	THIS CREATES DISTORTION IN THE CHURCH BODY BECAUSE VISABLY MEN ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE SEEN OR HEARD, THEN THE ONLY MEN YOU DO SEE ARE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS LEADING WOMEN! THE BALANCE IN THE CHURCH BODY IS TO ADDRESS THE CAUSE OF THE DISTORTION.....WELCOME MEN BACK TO THE BODY OF CHRIST.	Jun 15, 2012 4:01 AM
247	Though I am not concerned..... but it does not help. When a man and a woman form a friendship it can become confusing	Jun 15, 2012 3:14 AM
248	Because I no longer go	Jun 14, 2012 3:12 AM
249	Men get to pick and choose. Women wait to be picked. It's horrible, but an unfortunate truth.	Jun 12, 2012 5:50 PM
250	all people to be encouraged to salvation.	Jun 12, 2012 2:36 PM
251	i am deeply concerned about this issue but not to do with me finding a husband.	Jun 12, 2012 7:02 AM
252	I think some Christian women start looking outside of church when they get impatient.	Jun 12, 2012 3:10 AM
253	I do believe there are more women in the church than men but I dont believe most have any desire to form a relationship within the church. Church is not a place to form relationships. Quite the reverse I feel many women positively avoid friendship with men. For some reason women cant accept that guys are not constantly on the pull even in church. I avoid women in church in case I give the wrong impression.	Jun 11, 2012 4:09 PM
254	I think women feel they have to impress men more and can't be themselves because of it- there is always someone else out there willing to go the extra mile. I don't want to have to change my beliefs just to find a man.	Jun 11, 2012 1:38 PM
255	This isn't just about whether christian women can find husbands or not - it's about whether men are somehow experiencing barriers to coming to know God. Why are there more women than men in the church?? There shouldn't be!	Jun 11, 2012 6:27 AM

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256	More male role models in the church.	Jun 11, 2012 12:58 AM
257	I don't think the inbalance helps men either because it causes women to give up hope.	Jun 10, 2012 11:00 AM
258	I think the main problem is the femininity of the church. My pastor suggested a fight club for the guys - obviously a terrible idea but anything's got to be better than these pathetic 'men's breakfasts' and 'curry nights' everyone seems to be doing at the moment. If I were a single guy in church over the age of about 24 I'd be terrified at all the single women around!	Jun 9, 2012 4:37 PM
259	I do not agree with any of the above statements. It actually is quite demeaning as a single man, that people go on about there being more women in church (which there are), yet I am still single. It makes me feel a bit of a failure.	Jun 9, 2012 3:34 PM
260	In the church I go to there are less than 5% total singles.	Jun 9, 2012 6:10 AM
261	It causes competitiveness amongst some congregations!	Jun 9, 2012 5:33 AM
262	None of the comments really fit me. I think the more important fact is that there are more women in the congregation, but the leadership in many churches and church structures is still very male dominated.	Jun 9, 2012 5:19 AM
263	The imbalance makes it quite difficult at church - mainly because there are so many single girls and we all despair together about the problem - I don't think that is very healthy! It also heightens the pressure on the prospect of dating guys from church.	Jun 9, 2012 2:51 AM
264	I am concerned because it doesn't reflect society.	Jun 8, 2012 8:56 PM
265	But only that but actually as mentors and role models to men and their Christian faith in being Men of God	Jun 8, 2012 5:55 AM
266	The church needs to be more male friendly! Events to attract young men, and middle aged men. Ministry that helps men with their faith, talks about sex, marriage, and single life. We need male leaders that are modern and forward looking. My church has a lame mens curry night, that does not attract the younger men in the church, who find it boring.	Jun 8, 2012 4:04 AM
267	More women... yet I still don't have a girlfriend/wife!! Eek... I must have two heads or look green.	Jun 8, 2012 2:13 AM
268	As a Gay man sometimes I think that it would be good to have a husband	Jun 8, 2012 1:15 AM
269	It's very disappointing. Not because of finding a husband, it's disappointing that so few men know Jesus	Jun 7, 2012 11:04 PM
270	on a human level i am concerned, but spiritual level i trust God to provide a husband	Jun 7, 2012 4:26 PM
271	I am Glad that it is this way round because otherwise my chance of finding a wife would be even less. However, I can see it can be a problem for Church leadership as Christian leaders really need to be men	Jun 7, 2012 3:20 PM
272	Apart from finding a husband - we definitely need more men to bring gender balance into our fellowships. Teaching that men aren't 'drippy' or 'weak', being Christians, needs to be demonstrated somehow!! It's late now	Jun 7, 2012 3:14 PM

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	and my brain is shutting down so any suggestions would be gratefully received!	
273	As a single woman, it makes it hard to have meaningful conversations with men in the church as some married men are wary of talking and there are few single men. It does concern me that there are more women but I believe that if God wants me to marry again he will engineer a meeting with the person he has in mind (and I will continue to be proactive in going to things and online dating).	Jun 7, 2012 2:04 PM
274	I think if you marry within the church as a young person and stay close to the church you will without doubt start to run a house group and have children and stay close, very inward looking and closeted. However if you are not in the church at this time of your life 16-20 iss or do not like any of the guys there or do not fit in, you will struggle and then the choice of men will lesson and you will look outside for men with more character and less controlled.	Jun 7, 2012 1:11 PM
275	When a single man does come to church I know that some of the other married members of the congregation try to match make between us just because we are unmarried and of the opposite sex	Jun 7, 2012 12:11 PM
276	It is reverse at my church no women	Jun 7, 2012 11:56 AM
277	I think that it's a shame that there are more women in church than men. If men knew there were lovely ladies in church maybe they would go!	Jun 7, 2012 10:46 AM
278	I've ticked the one I have slightly tongue in cheek. I think it would increase my chances, however, I far more believe God will provide the right chap for me, therefore, it wouldn't matter if there were 1000 women and 1 man - if he was the man God wanted for me, then it would work. However, yes, it would help if there were a lot more men in church. However, I would prefer to see more men in church for far more important reasons - like for marriages, families, guiding young men growing up etc etc, then to help me find a husband! With regard to how the disparity might affect behaviour and relationships in the church, like I said, I would love to see more men in church as I strongly feel God designed men and women differently and men are needed to lead and be role models and a strong voice and this is what we are missing by not having more men in church.	Jun 7, 2012 6:40 AM
279	It doesn't worry me but it does make the chance of meeting a Christian guy harder!	Jun 7, 2012 4:10 AM
280	Difficult to have good friendships with men as they worry you are after a romantic relationship.	Jun 6, 2012 5:39 PM
281	It isn't so much of a problem with finding a partner but I think it impacts on the church that we are missing men generally from our congregations & that impacts on God's plan for our communities.	Jun 6, 2012 3:13 PM
282	This is the number one issue that needs to be addressed nationally.	Jun 6, 2012 12:47 PM
283	Lots of men in the church struggle with commitment - there needs to be more teaching on this. Some men probably need to be mentored more closely - there needs to be greater accountability. It can also mean that some men do not always treat women that well - i.e. spending lots of time with someone and leading them on when they have no intention of having a relationship with them. When I've dated guys who are not Christians they are more up front from the beginning about their intentions - which sometimes makes me	Jun 6, 2012 12:02 PM

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	more inclined to date them. Women also need to be aware of reading too much into things and protecting themselves where possible. Sex is a big issue for singles which I feel is being basically ignored by the church.	
284	Unfortunately not in the Churches I go to. Come on down to Dorset girls :)	Jun 6, 2012 11:00 AM
285	It would be nice if there were more men to meet but I don't go to church to meet people.	Jun 6, 2012 9:24 AM
286	Too many women in a church feminises the church. The church needs strong male leadership to make sure community outreach isn't just tea coffee soup and toddler groups.	Jun 6, 2012 8:51 AM
287	I don't have ideas because I go for start with my Gods	Jun 6, 2012 7:55 AM
288	Men can afford to be choosy! They think you want to marry them if you look at them or even say 'hello'. Men are petrified of comittment.	Jun 6, 2012 5:29 AM
289	I am concerned but not because it lessened the chances of finding a husband. The church cannot be reflecting the true nature of God if it has such a feminine bias.	Jun 6, 2012 4:48 AM
290	I've personally found most young men are either married (as most christians get married at a young age) or they are just a bit weird/stereotypical	Jun 6, 2012 3:48 AM
291	In theory, this should be good for me. But it does make me wonder why I've not been able to find someone. And it saddens me, because many Christian women suffer because of it. It's possible, if there were a better gender balance, it would reduce my chances, but I would want that change anyway. On the other hand, it's possible it would create a more healthy church, and that might make things better all round.	Jun 6, 2012 2:00 AM
292	As a man, I feel sorry for the women.	Jun 6, 2012 12:18 AM
293	I am concerned, but not coz it makes it harder for me to find a husband! its easier for women to find a volunteering role, with kids, tea and coffee etc. It is hard for a single man to be in these roles so harder to feel part of things. Need more male type roles. Also activities tend to be children based, again hard for a single man who is not well known to come to a family fun day. Will get where looks. Need more activities attractive to men. We do paintballing, but its only once a year!	Jun 5, 2012 11:38 PM
294	Even the most ugly single christian man can get a wife but even lovely christian women cannot get a husband. Just not enough christian men to go round	Jun 5, 2012 3:56 PM
295	I am more bothered that men are less inclined to meet their saviour and wonder how we can make everyone feel welcome and included!	Jun 5, 2012 3:32 PM
296	More concerned for them than for me!	Jun 5, 2012 3:12 PM
297	As a single woman it makes me feel very hopeless and I don't think people really understand that I would like a sexual relationship too.	Jun 5, 2012 2:58 PM
298	It doesn't surprise me but it's sad because it means there's alot of lonely, lost men outside of church who are desperate for something but don't realise it's God and therefore spend alot if not all their lives filling it with other stuff including temporary relationships with women. Churches don't appear	Jun 5, 2012 2:55 PM

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	'manly' enough for them [they don't want the touchy feely female stuff] coz it takes them forever to open up or even acknowledge their feelings etc. Therefore they need a safe/ non-threatening enviroment to feel comfortable-maybe a pub setting with pool!	
299	The church overall is too feminine, the service styles, worship songs and leadership approach, unless things change it will only get worse.	Jun 5, 2012 2:54 PM
300	I think it is important to address this imbalance, not just because of my relationship prospects, but because men are needed generally. Especially single manly men, to be strong role models to younger men and to support eachother in their faith. (the fact that it will increase my chances of finding a husband is a happy consequence!)	Jun 5, 2012 2:48 PM
301	Also bigger issue if men find it difficult to relate to church.	Jun 5, 2012 2:32 PM
302	How to improve it? Get out there and witness! Also, pray for more men to be saved. Other than that we cannot improve it. We must rest in God and trust.	Jun 5, 2012 1:55 PM
303	More Mens festivals and group gatherings to encourage the men	Jun 5, 2012 1:44 PM
304	Really important that we females don't voice that' there are no men in the church' This must be so hurtful to the single men in churces that wish they were married.	Jun 5, 2012 1:34 PM
305	It is a particular concern due to the lack of male role models for children and young people.	Jun 5, 2012 1:29 PM
306	Most of our congregation are of the older age range,	Jun 5, 2012 12:48 PM
307	Think it is because women are more caring, and men are more interested in going down the pub and playing sport	Jun 5, 2012 12:45 PM
308	I don't go to church to find a wife or girlfriend	Jun 5, 2012 12:35 PM
309	I am aware of it as a single woman, but actually	Jun 5, 2012 12:15 PM
310	My church seems to be balanced between male & female singles. But there are still very few eligible single females of a suitable age range.	Jun 5, 2012 12:01 PM
311	Sad that men don't make the effort to support the church	Jun 5, 2012 11:30 AM
312	Interesting that should talk about behavior, I once made the mistake of sitting next to a married men at a social, within moments he and his wife had moved. What did they think I was going to do? Unbeliveable On another occasion, I had just told the wife of another man about the aforementioned happening, she was sitting one up from me, she sypathised with me, but when her husband came over he wanted to move, she looked extremely embaressed saying " ' wants to sit next to so and so....." Yes ok I said but you can imagine how I felt. I can assure whatever I may do in private with someone special, it does not occur in public let alone at church, needless to say I choose very carefully where I sit at church at social occasions, in fact very often - unless a good friend is going I don't bother.	Jun 5, 2012 11:28 AM
313	From my experience and observations, older men usually want a woman younger than they are and often have some fairly unrealistic expectations - reading profiles on Christian dating sites makes for a fascinating insight into the male psyche and ego!! And because available women outnumber	Jun 5, 2012 11:27 AM

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available men, they can afford to play the field a bit more.

314 Does help when I'm the youngest person who attends my church (Small Numbers too) Jun 5, 2012 11:25 AM

315 I am not only concerned as it lessens my chance of getting a husband but I'm also concerned that God loves His sons as much as His daughters so He must be very sad when He sees not as many in church. I also think that men play an equally important role and if there aren't as many this role is often diminished. Speaking to my male Christian friends they also find it off putting as they want to be in a church with as many men as women. I am passionate about God restoring the balance and along with others I pray and fast about this for forty days every year at the beginning of the year. We pray for 10 specific men, male leaders, God to release more kingdom marriages and men's ministry. Jun 5, 2012 11:16 AM

316 I am concerned because the natural law between male and female is even and so it should also be in church, There were insufficient answers above because my concern is not just related to meeting a potential partner but because of the inbalance. Jun 5, 2012 11:00 AM

317 the question should relate to trying to pair them off but the deeper problem of 'Why men hate going to church?' Jun 5, 2012 10:44 AM

318 I think its an important issue more from the point of view that the church should reflect ALL of our community. If we are a 'family' then the men should be there too! Jun 5, 2012 10:40 AM

319 To be honest, it's not something I've really noticed. I wouldn't really know how to improve the situation! Jun 5, 2012 10:35 AM

320 This is surely not God's plan for guys. But is a very very real problem. Jun 5, 2012 5:31 AM

321 CONCERNED is an Understatement! When HALF of the Male Population of the Future is Turning GAY anyway!! What HOPE have WE!! Mere Women who just want to FIND a GOOD HUSBAND!!! And to Q.38 This CHANGE was NEEDED LONG AGO! 10 YEARS AGO!! -- I am 40 and while You're still Working it All Out, my Chance of Babies is Going, and Slowly, I'm Dying!! Jun 4, 2012 8:15 PM

322 How about...'none of the above'?! I am concerned for the ladies as this has the potential to make life more difficult for them, but I am not happy either as this would be gloating on anothers misfortune! As for the question below (38) A better balance 'would' be good because then the ladies would have more chance of meeting someone. Jun 4, 2012 6:22 PM

323 Glad but also sad there is such imbalance - salvation is for ALL not mostly women and the church comes across quite feminine (presumably to 'rebalance' after historic 'gender inequality') Jun 4, 2012 2:05 PM

324 whilst this is true, there still arent any single women of my age in the church where i work..... should we be encouraging people to go to church simply so they can meet a partner???

325 Most churches these days involve a certain amount of contradiction (i.e. teaching people to be honest, and at the same time teaching a creed which probably most of the congregation recognise has elements that are not true, or merely contingent on history having unfolded in a particular way). I think woman are either socially or biologically predisposed towards being better at Jun 4, 2012 11:52 AM

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dealing with conflict and contradiction, whereas men prefer things to be straightforward. I think this is the reason why there are more women in church than men. This could be improved by giving more emphasis to ethics than to theological creeds.

326	Sometimes it feels as though the guys have too much choice so then they dont make any choice! They are always waiting for someone better to come along, that elusive perfect person. And they can because chances are they probably will, and if not no bother, when they are ready to settle down they will find someone because there is a queue for them. Also men dont have a fertility time clock so can wait until they are a bit older.	Jun 4, 2012 4:29 AM
327	This disparity seem to me to have the effect of the more attractive women being able to marry and the rest not so much, because within the 'christian world' men have more choice! Also many profiles on CC of men my age state they are looking for women at least 5-10 (or more) years younger than them, more so than they would get away with in non-Christian circles! This leaves those women who are not conventionally super-pretty (but still attractive) and over 35/40 with less choice, because Christian men have ruled them out.	Jun 4, 2012 2:27 AM
328	I am concerned for the state of the church, we need both men and women	Jun 3, 2012 3:48 PM
329	Simple answer to too few Christians: do more evangelism. In terms of probability, isn't God above all that? What was the the probability of Adam finding a wife before God did something about it?	Jun 3, 2012 1:20 PM
330	It is harder for Christian women looking for a Christian husband if there are less men in church.	Jun 3, 2012 10:33 AM
331	Stupid answers - most of the people in church are at least middle aged so not helpful!	Jun 3, 2012 7:42 AM
332	In my experience, it depends on the relative contentment of individuals. Some, often in the 25-40 age bracket, relate to members of the opposite sex almost solely for the sake of finding a husband/wife and it is very hard to have 'a normal friendship' with them. Others at some point either give up and retreat into bitterness or else find some stability and work out how to make the most of singleness.	Jun 3, 2012 7:14 AM
333	Having spent a good part of my adult life in small inner city churches, often they may not be many other people of a similar age or maturity in the church (before you start looking at whether they are men or women.....)	Jun 3, 2012 6:42 AM
334	It is a problem in that it reflects the weakness of our proclamation of the gospel (in words, actions, attitudes ..) in ways that connect well with most men. This is, or ought to be, a major issue for the church's engagement (or failure of engagement) with the world, being salt and light etc - what it means for salvation and redemption, and what it means for morality, ethics, in every walk of life, not least in business, finance etc, also for environmental stewardship, attitudes towards welfare state, conduct of politics etc etc etc. If church is largely seen by men as irrelevant or for those who are non-macho, not real men et, this is a far more tragic issue for God's world, and all humanity, than whether or not single women are likely to find a man in church!!	Jun 3, 2012 6:35 AM
335	the strain is higher on the women in the church and they can get very disheartened and begrudge the already few men who are seen as not	Jun 2, 2012 7:16 PM

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	making enough effort to court/approach them	
336	I ticked the closest answer...but it does worry me. Us men need Christ too, so what is the church doing that detracts so many? We need to know! We need to make sure that the church is not turning men away from God.	Jun 2, 2012 5:59 PM
337	It is an issue that there are less men than women, but my concern is more that men don't seem to be connecting with God. This is a greater problem than issues to do with relationships.	Jun 2, 2012 4:34 PM
338	More social action and action, less sitting in pews!	Jun 2, 2012 4:05 PM
339	too many women in church leadership - weak men	Jun 2, 2012 10:56 AM
340	I think it is part of the reason why men in church seem scared too commit, there is no sense of competition and too much choice - I think this might encourage a fear of 'what if someone better comes along'	Jun 2, 2012 2:34 AM
341	men need to be getting out and evangelising other men	Jun 2, 2012 1:58 AM
342	But most wo men in Church have partners or are married or in a relationship, so that does not help me	Jun 1, 2012 12:42 PM
343	Any man who does turn up is automatically scrutinized for 'husband to be' potential. Sometimes by others, sometimes be me - neither of which is helpful!	Jun 1, 2012 11:54 AM
344	single woment may be more self conscious, while single men will be conspicuous	Jun 1, 2012 1:27 AM
345	My reaction could be it makes me glad as it should make it easier to find a wife, but 1) this doesn't work out in practice! and 2) my stronger reaction to this is, "why isn't the Church reaching more men!	May 31, 2012 1:55 PM
346	As a single female I find that the quality if single Christian men out there is really low, either they profess that their faith is not central to their lives or they are so preoccupied with physical features (not saying this is wrong in moderation but overemphasis is a little worldly) or unemployed or in low paid jobs or are not committed to a local church or just generalLy lack good old fashioned back bone! This of course is because of the above stated statistic.	May 31, 2012 12:35 PM
347	Oooh another huge subject. Not sure what you mean how could things be improved, but I honestly think that it was the 'feminist' movement, or the attempted 'feminising' of men within the church that has caused so many of them to leave, give up etc. I can say this, because I know so many who have left for those reasons, therefore it would be hard to get more men to get into church. Go to a synagogue and it's brilliant!	May 30, 2012 3:49 PM
348	I can also see how this must be really intimidating for a guy to go to church because he's likely to be pounced on :)	May 30, 2012 1:51 PM
349	I'm concerned, not only because it lessens the chances of me meeting a husband, but because I don't think it is good for the church to be unbalanced like this. I think the imbalance can make men in leadership dominant and threatened by competent women. And it can make single men very wary of being friendly to single women, or can make them spoilt for choice, which is not healthy for either them or single women.	May 29, 2012 11:05 PM

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350	I have spoken to women who are very disheartened because there are not enough "Eligable" men in church. It has had a very adverse effect on their Christian life. I am more concerned with the fact that men are either totally against God or not being reached with the Gospel.	May 29, 2012 7:48 AM
351	Wow so as a Guy I can't be worried about this problem on behalf of my single over 30 something female friends....what about empathy..	May 28, 2012 4:43 PM
352	Makes relationships more difficult/ uncomfortable. Harder just to be friends. Some men assume women are pursuing them just because they talk to them etc. Makes some men confused or complacent about relationship/dating. The church can improve the balance by reaching out to single guys more within local area etc.	May 28, 2012 2:20 PM
353	a man should be the head of his house if not with christian values ,well look around and see the results,we need more in church	May 28, 2012 1:59 PM
354	non of the above coments seame to aply becasue on times in my christian walk I havebeen in teh minoraty as a man in the church but saying that some of my closes friends are women who are a real help in times of need.	May 28, 2012 4:43 AM
355	Women can be difficult around this issue-'fighting' for men. It can make it hard to have friendships with men as women are often desparate to get their husband. I wonder how this has come about?	May 28, 2012 3:18 AM
356	I am concerned but not because it lessens the chance of finding a husband - concerned because there should be a gender balance, both in numbers of attenders but also in power and influence. At the moment, there are less men but they still have most of the power. Even though I am female, I do not personally enjoy the feminisation of church.	May 28, 2012 2:10 AM
357	It is a problem, because there is less chance of a father/brother/son relationship.	May 27, 2012 8:45 AM
358	This is one of the greatest issues I have about singleness as a Christian women, the sheer lack of Christian men in church for all the lovely, often very mature Christian women in the church. It is a very sad.	May 26, 2012 3:21 PM
359	I wouldn't say 'I'm glad'...that was just the closest option of the above. It's more 'it doesn't affect me but I do feel bad for the women'.	May 25, 2012 2:20 PM
360	The overwhelming importance is that the gospel is for everyone, and if we're less effective at reaching men that's a bad thing. The mismatch of numbers does make a problem for building Christian families and temptation to marry outside the church.	May 25, 2012 1:41 PM
361	I'm sorry there aren't more men in the church, and wonder what we have done to make this situation?	May 25, 2012 10:22 AM
362	I am also concerned because men need to find faith! and the Church needs to be more attractive to men. I strongly believe we need to work harder at drawing men to faith, because research shows that if the men are saved, their women and children will often follow. I don't believe it is God's 'perfect' will that many Christian women are single who would love to be married. I think it would be his will that more men could be saved and that then more women could have that companionship etc.	May 25, 2012 7:34 AM
363	There are plenty of young men in my church, just not many older ones,	May 25, 2012 6:56 AM

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	which is what I need!	
364	I am concerned about this issue because it shows an imbalance in the Church.	May 25, 2012 6:14 AM
365	I think that the main issue is that means that evangelism is not so effective with men at the moment and they're not being saved. The result is that there are fewer husbands, but surely the first part of the sentence is the more important question?	May 25, 2012 5:20 AM
366	As previously mentioned the fact that the men in the Church I attend have said they'd rather ask a lady from another Church out, makes me feel pretty worthless & unattractive. The lack of bold men in general makes me wonder how many godly & bold men are truly out there.	May 25, 2012 3:58 AM
367	The fact that there are a lack of men in the church is concerning primarily because we are not reaching men with the gospel rather than because it lessens my chances of finding a husband.	May 24, 2012 2:54 PM
368	I am concerned because men are not being saved, although are think there are more women than men outside of the church too?	May 24, 2012 12:03 PM
369	I've not ticked a box as there wasnt one suitable. I'm concerned as a man because of the unfairness of it all and also that women are then more likely to look for a non Christian Husband.	May 24, 2012 10:16 AM
370	I wish there had been other comments to choose from. I ticked the top answer but the lack of men in the Body of Christ is rather more worrying than just solving the too many single women who want to be married situation. As I'm sure we all realise the family of believers grows when we marry and raise children in Godly family units but the Body is unbalanced and weakened when it lacks members of both genders. I don't want to stereotype but I have known many single christian men that really struggle relating to women in general.	May 24, 2012 3:46 AM
371	but it has been notice	May 23, 2012 11:34 AM
372	It's not just a case of numbers of men and women in church, it's also allowing people to make mistakes and not putting pressure on people to get married when it might not be the right time for them or the right partner. We also need to allow men to be men, and lead if they want rather than getting pushed around by women.	May 22, 2012 11:52 PM
373	I think it is awful that part of the witness of the uk church is that it has too many single women - many of whom are wonderful people and deserving of finding great guys. I think the imbalance and the despair of ending up single for ever was possibly a factor in why I ended up marrying someone who ultimately was not very suited to me. That had very serious consequences ultimately.	May 22, 2012 2:37 PM
374	As a chorister, there are always a lot more women than men, but in general I had not noticed.	May 22, 2012 8:52 AM
375	Married women are nervous of single women in church	May 21, 2012 1:10 PM
376	I have observed men becoming more complacent and not stepping up, leading and pursuing honorably or appropriately. I have also see more women pursuing and compromising their standards - some women come	May 21, 2012 12:50 PM

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across quite desperate, which is not an attractive quality. I think this could be improved by good teaching around the topic. I learnt the hard way about appropriate boundaries etc. Possibly married men walking alongside the single men, giving guidance and accountability and equally married women walking alongside the single women, doing the same. Married couples praying with single people - I have found it really helpful meeting up with one of my pastors and his wife, getting their perspective (male and female) has been really helpful and encouraging. I feel it is more appropriate men encourage men to come to church, so I do feel quite a bit of the responsibility is on the men and married couples to encourage more men to come to church. Social activities that would attract men - football, sports etc. and would help them see that Christian men are normal.

377	Most churches in my local area have the opposite problem - far more single men than single women! I wish we had the problem of "too many women" as the chances of finding a nice godly woman might increase! Many church events and Christian parties here are very man-heavy - one BBQ had 45 single men and only 5 women (4 of whom were married) Church is definitely too feminised tho - needs some good strong, manly men in leadership and congregations. Fed up with girly stuff and "wet lettuce" guys!	May 20, 2012 7:23 PM
378	I feel very sorry for single women who are desperate to find a partner. I do think the church does not so enough to support them and to develop them as single people, whilst still acknowledging their needs.	May 20, 2012 12:18 PM
379	It makes the good looking men in high demand so it's a competitive environment! More effort needs to be made to bring men into church.	May 20, 2012 12:13 PM
380	PRAYER!	May 20, 2012 11:55 AM
381	Of course having very few men in the church is a problem when looking for a husband. When there are 2 men and over 15 single women, you have to be extremely attractive to even have a chance to meet someone. Single men often appear to have a high opinion of themselves because there are so many single women who are making them feel wanted and attractive. In the outside world, the balance would be redressed.	May 20, 2012 8:42 AM
382	My church has less males but it has a very masculine dominated leadership that makes it more comfortable for men than women. The church needs to be able to embrace it's feminine side and show a bit of love!!! Men and women are very seperate in my church. It is less about brother and sister and more about fleeing from sexual immorality or trying not to lead a girl into getting the wrong idea.	May 20, 2012 8:41 AM
383	some christian men can be very dismissive, pick & choose attitude, even the odd toxic flirt!	May 20, 2012 4:05 AM
384	Yes I am concerned about this actually because I feel the men are not setting up guy activities together and I think this is something that is attractive to men outside the church. But I am more concerned about the lack of people becoming christians.	May 19, 2012 12:08 AM
385	Not sure	May 18, 2012 9:02 PM
386	I can see how this can appear to be worrying for single women in the church, and it does occur to me at times. For me personally, I am trying to put my faith in God that He has the right man for me at the right time, if that's His will. In terms of what it means for the church overall, that is more worrying -	May 18, 2012 3:18 AM

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	we need strong men in the church as much as we need strong women. If there isn't a balance, then there is something wrong - but what that is I don't know.	
387	I really don't know some of the comments and questions put here where they are coming from.	May 18, 2012 2:44 AM
388	Perhaps make the style of church more appealing to men - particularly single men!	May 17, 2012 3:20 PM
389	It concerns me, but not just because of finding a husband, but also in general as it demonstrates a lacking in the Church's ability to make disciples.	May 17, 2012 1:16 PM
390	The imbalance between men/women is exaggerated by single parents/mothers. With so many single mothers 30y - 50y, the rest of us (women) get tarred with the same brush.	May 17, 2012 7:49 AM
391	An even balance is best for the church to live out its calling. A slight male-weighted church would be preferable to a slight female-weighted.	May 16, 2012 10:07 AM
392	I am concerned about why the Church is not reaching more men with the Gospel.	May 16, 2012 8:49 AM
393	The church should encourage more manly activities and bonding. Iron sharpeth iron. There are hardly any "Good" God fearing Christians in the church. They rather been in the world and Church today are too compromising with the world. Very diluted preaching. Worship seems to be Luke warm and almost too pleasing to man. People in church not welcoming and look depressed. Many that are married did so when they were young because of lack of self control and now divorced and decided to turn back to God after leaving the church. Now those Christians that decided to wait patiently are expected to marry the divorced ones. What a waste of ones life doing so called good and living life pleasing to God when the reward is to either remain single for the rest of your life or marry a divorced person, that decided to yield to the pressure of the world.	May 16, 2012 8:42 AM
394	Sometimes it makes men arrogant. They can pick and choose. One man rejected all the church girls , met a non-christian at work and took her to church. Girls feel it's nnot fair!	May 16, 2012 1:34 AM
395	In our church there are more men!!!!	May 14, 2012 6:42 PM
396	I think that we need to be concerned with making disciplies. Obviously if there are fewer of one sex this presents issues for the other sex but we need to ask why men are put off becoming Christians and engaging in a Church family as our primary concern not about building a fish tank of potential marriage partners.	May 14, 2012 4:14 PM
397	Women feel like they have to chase and compete... role inversion!	May 14, 2012 3:11 PM
398	As there are less men they tend to be pounced on which may deter men from coming to church.	May 14, 2012 1:19 PM
399	I think it adversely affects how churches operate and their effectiveness within their communities, lack of role models for children etc. Women can behave badly towards the few men within the church,	May 14, 2012 12:53 PM
400	There are a few men (not many fortunately) in the church who see single	May 14, 2012 12:18 PM

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	women as vulnerable and 'fair game'	
401	It is important for the church to be a balanced section of society. Overly female and the way it runs reflects that.	May 14, 2012 10:14 AM
402	Men are forgetting how to be men and the church is becoming quite feminine in many ways - some song lyrics make it sound like Jesus is my boyfriend - why would a guy want to sing that!	May 14, 2012 10:00 AM
403	I am a youth worker, and even looking at youth groups and school cu's etc the majority of people that attend are female. There is a lack of male leadership and all men including Christian men seem to be struggling with commitment more and more, and seem to be looking around for someone who doesnt exist, waiting for the perfect women, instead of realizing that no one is perfect and relationships do take time and work, but are so special and rewarding when you do commit and stop looking at the grass that seems to be greener. I think its a massive issue which a lot of churches are failing to recognise (not bringing up young christian men) I think there is much on offer for females to become women of God that they are becoming more confident and taking on leadership roles which would always have been male roles. Actually in the majority of churches now it is females in most of the leadership positions. A lot of female conferences available, I do one myself on self esteem and true beauty. The women are rising up to where they should be, but men seem to be losing it. (I dont think our culture helps) I dont know why or how to go about changing this, but it is true and it does effect the chance of finding a male christian in the church today.	May 14, 2012 12:07 AM
404	Why aren't the men evangelising?	May 13, 2012 2:06 PM
405	while I am of an age where marriage is very unlikely, i do feel sorry for younger single women in the church. I know of girls who have left the church, realizing that they had little chance of finding love within it, and dated non-Christian men. I don't think the church makes any effort to keep these girls, it pretends the problem isn't there.maybe addressing the issue seriously, instead of in a jokey way , with clear teaching , encouragement and affirmation of the value of singles would be a help. More social events for young- middle aged adults, not purely singles events.	May 13, 2012 5:53 AM
406	I think some, not all, men can be a bit conceited feeling they are plenty of fishes in the sea. The stresses are not as much for them as females	May 12, 2012 3:58 PM
407	I am concerned that there are fewer men responding to God and how we can reach them. As a secondary issue it makes it harder to meet single Christian men and lessens the chance of finding a husband, - but that is very secondary to the need to bring the gospel to men for the sake of Jesus and the Kingdom	May 12, 2012 9:20 AM
408	Can,t imagine how one drags men into church if they do not wish to be part of it...sad really!	May 12, 2012 9:11 AM
409	This has always worried me! We really need the Men to assume the place of thier authority in Christ, and give hope for Godly Women that they can find an 'equal match' This is the greatest challenge all over the world, sincere Godlyy men are so RARE and Dear!	May 12, 2012 5:45 AM
410	You have to be drop dead gorgeous to find a partner. The barrier is just too high	May 12, 2012 5:43 AM

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411	Praying that many more Godly men would be raised up and brought in to the body of Christ	May 11, 2012 11:33 PM
412	I have encountered very few women my age who are Christians, maybe it's a generational thing? I have encountered a lot of girls in their late teens, and many women older than me, but very few in their mid-20s. Perhaps its just me and the people I have encountered so far in my Church life, but I have never really encountered such an imbalance personally.	May 11, 2012 2:18 PM
413	I don't get lots of women coming on to me at church (sadly). I think we are focussed on higher things! :)	May 11, 2012 9:41 AM
414	Think primary concern should be why men are not coming to faith and going to church in as great a numbers as women?	May 10, 2012 2:57 PM
415	It is an important issue - but not just because it will lesson the chance of me finding a husband. I think the gender imbalance looks odd to those looking on from outside the church. I would be suspicious of a group of people with such an imbalance! I think it weakens our witness to the world. I think it creates problems in families.	May 10, 2012 12:37 PM
416	I would be lying if i put any of the other answers but i trust that God will fulfil the promise he made to me that i would, one day, be married and have children - i am aware that this does not necessarily mean what i am expecting - i.e. i could find myself working in an orphanage and God calling the children their mine.	May 10, 2012 12:15 PM
417	I am aware of the gender imbalance in the Church generally, but it does not seem to have increased my chance of finding a wife and I glance God can overcome any imbalance. I think this has led to a less active missionary and militant Church which has in turn effected society. Both men and women have particular charisms that are important to the Church and society.	May 10, 2012 4:16 AM
418	I've heard of several instances of single guys being 'pounced on' by single females when visiting a new church. Depending on age, this could be a problem for some men if they wish to remain single!	May 10, 2012 3:33 AM
419	It worries me because if you are looking for a committed man, you will nevedr find any.	May 9, 2012 2:41 PM
420	Aside from my desire for a husband, we need the Fathers and sons to return. To take their rightful place within the body. We need them.	May 9, 2012 1:25 PM
421	I would find it less of a problem if it were possible to get to know men as friends without the pressure of everyone watching and waiting for something to happen, most men seem to avoid contact unless they're interested in a relationship, I would love to have male friends, as I did when I was younger.	May 9, 2012 4:15 AM
422	I think their is pressure on single men to date and marry as there's so few of them. There's often an assumption if you're a single woman when you talk to a man that you have alterior motives or are interested in them. If they're married they drag their wife over of mention her straight away to ward you off, which is annoying if your just wanting to say hello or chat (if you're new somewhere).	May 9, 2012 4:10 AM
423	As a man the imbalance makes me feel that there must be something wrong with me.	May 8, 2012 11:05 PM

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424	In my Church there is a good ratio of men to women.	May 8, 2012 3:15 PM
425	Any single male in a Church (and they are rare in my age group) would automatically be a target for all the women. However, I'm not so desperate for a man in my life that my world revolves around the fact my chances of finding a husband are not high. Bigger things to worry about.	May 8, 2012 11:49 AM
426	I am not sure. There is no disparity in both of my Churches.	May 8, 2012 10:20 AM
427	It makes it very difficult to meet any potential partner after age about 30. It means there is competition for any single man that does appear. Things could be improved by a complete revisiting of what it means to follow Christ in our culture.	May 8, 2012 10:05 AM
428	if God has someone for you then the world is his oyster	May 8, 2012 3:29 AM
429	but not just for that reason. It is not good for the church itself to have a gender or age imbalance	May 8, 2012 1:34 AM
430	I don't know of any single christian men my age in my Church, or in fact my town.	May 7, 2012 3:40 PM
431	It is a big problem - I want to help change it for the sake of the teenage girls growing up in my church right now.	May 7, 2012 2:51 PM
432	Women should reach out more to men through evangelism to fill the churches. This should also be improved through prayer.	May 7, 2012 2:37 PM
433	I agree that the church can be a feminised space and that this puts men off sometimes. But I have seen churches try to address this through more man-friendly events.	May 7, 2012 1:24 PM
434	I'm concerned for more than just PERSONAL reasons, of course.	May 7, 2012 1:07 PM
435	There is simply no-one to fight over anyway! I wouldn't be worried, personally, but there are NO eligible MEN out there in my vicinity! (There's a few twits, mindyou)	May 7, 2012 11:43 AM
436	Sorry but many of the Christian guys I know are quite "wet" and not the kind I would pursue.	May 7, 2012 11:21 AM
437	The Church needs to do something to address this issue. As I said before, given what the Bible teaches about marrying non-Christians it is putting two-thirds of women in the situation of having to stay single if they are obedient to this!!!!	May 7, 2012 11:12 AM
438	It's the menu analogy. Men in the country or elsewhere might have a set menu. They pick and have done. In a London church of 60% women, they spend all day going over the menu and still can't decide. Or in our case, years! I am constantly trying to get rid of the pink lighting in church, but sadly a lot of the leaders are what I call 'metrosexual' and enjoy being bathed in a hue of pink while preaching... It doesn't change the fact though that generally the men find the women closed and unattainable, and they are scared. Churched men rarely have the backbone that recent converts have, I've really noticed that.	May 7, 2012 10:58 AM
439	the church needs to do more to attract and retain the interests of men who come to church. Yes there are women there, there are women in the world	May 7, 2012 10:47 AM

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	too who quite easily give up what a church woman would'nt. The church and services and activities need to be attractive to men too so they stay because of the word. Everything else must come later. Salvation first. SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM of God..... THEN ALLL THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU	
440	Whilst I might be glad in theory the number of single women has not produced a partner for me!	May 7, 2012 9:54 AM
441	More done to attract men into church	May 7, 2012 9:53 AM
442	Difficult to answe as I can only see from my church, where the congregation consists of elderly widowed ladies and few single women in 50, 40 & 30s	May 7, 2012 9:35 AM
443	guys are definitely wary about any new female wanting to be friends with them as they seem to think all of us are desperate to marry them! I think that some solid understanding of male/female dynamics would be good. I have lots of friends who are guys but at first there is always that undercurrent of whether we like each other, or are interested in each other, or not.	May 7, 2012 8:43 AM
444	Encourage men more do alpha courses in pubs work places sports venues etc get out in public places more out reach	May 7, 2012 8:36 AM
445	If men should be leading in the home and at church but there aren't many and the women are maybe stronger in their faith this may can be a problem for the church.	May 7, 2012 7:46 AM
446	I rarely meet single men in church and when I do I avoid speaking to them because they probably think I fancy them!	May 7, 2012 2:34 AM
447	Working with men who are single often leads to a lot of gossip and people asking about why I'm not dating them. The church/people still don't get that you can be good friends with a man and not feel any desire to date/marry him.	May 6, 2012 6:19 PM
448	I believe that it has a profound impact on not only one's chances, but on men and women's sense of self-worth. There is often more pressure on women than they can bear.	May 6, 2012 4:47 PM
449	I don't think it is a personal concern although I wonder why church is reaching out well to women and isnt to men. The notion of the femininity of the church has been raised as a conversation but I'm not sure this is always true. There are a few women I know in the church who have been saved and are married to a non-Christian. Reaching out to these men is vital, as it is to those who are not married.	May 6, 2012 2:18 PM
450	I think this is true of certain evangelically-directed churches but in traditional Anglican churches the ratio is most definitely the reverse of what you state! My church is full of young single men. If an eligible woman started attending there is a risk she would be jumped upon (metaphorically speaking, not literally)...perhaps that's why they seek safety in numbers at the evangelical churches.	May 6, 2012 1:52 PM
451	I feel for the ladies who also bemoan the fact that there is a severe shortage of available christian men. Certainly, sane ones!	May 6, 2012 11:27 AM
452	I feel church leaders need to acknowledge this a lot more and take steps to address the imbalance. I feel it can be beneficial to women as I often have a	May 6, 2012 10:12 AM

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	lot of single Christian friends but I think it can be hard for men. Whereas it may be "easier" for men to find a wife than it is for women to find a husband, I think it;s harder to for men to have single Christian friends and this in turn could put them off coming to church.	
453	It is deeply worrying, and I feel alot of sympathy with Christian women who struggle because of the numbers to find a husband. It is also bad news for a whole other number of reasons - bad news for men who are effectively ignoring God, and for society as a whole, which would be healthier with more committed Christian men.	May 6, 2012 8:28 AM
454	why is this the case of few men in the church? I feel the church does not do enough to encourage single men in the church and teach them to be men of god.	May 6, 2012 3:59 AM
455	there are lots of men in our local christinan singles group	May 6, 2012 3:56 AM
456	note this questionnaire is very long - londer than the 15 munites indicated and getting irritating	May 5, 2012 3:49 PM
457	feminism will deter men from attending church as this is not as God intended but the imbalance needs addressed and the only way this can happen is for advancement of Gods plan to reach out to more people who are lost and needy for Salvation as the Great Commision to proclaim Gospel - each Christian has a story of their saving Grace and can impact people with how unique they are in Kingdom of God	May 5, 2012 3:35 PM
458	I've actually not particularly noticed it, except in reading about it in Christianity magazine etc. Not sure how it can be improved, besides focus on the contemporary, down to earth, solid teaching, being real...	May 5, 2012 3:30 PM
459	but I am also concerned for the women in the church	May 5, 2012 1:32 PM
460	The imbalance has never benefitted me.	May 5, 2012 12:39 PM
461	I think that single men can be put off from staying at a church where they feel that they are being target by a large group of single women. It makes it hard to communicate with the men in the church as they feel nervous and their wives feel threatened unnecessarily	May 5, 2012 11:29 AM
462	I have no expectation of "finding" a man in church- there aren't any to find! My church activities limit the time I have available for socialising elsewhere. Also, married women are sometimes guarded if speak with their husbands. This is mildly depressing, as I would never, ever consider an affair with a married man, and it's not great to be be perceived as a threat. But I just get on with life. My church has recently put a lot of emphasis on attending things like Spring Harvest. This is a very lonely place for a single person - wandering around and hoping that couples will take pity on you. I don't go any more, naturally, but I find the blindness of the church wearing.	May 5, 2012 11:27 AM
463	it doesn't really help if the single men are dating outside the church whilst the single women are not. And single men or women may well have live-in partners and so are not really single are they?	May 5, 2012 10:52 AM
464	God is able to do immeasurably more than we think or imagine.	May 5, 2012 9:16 AM
465	I am not sure any of those responses adequately describe my own. I think it is a problem generally because the church should appeal to everyone,	May 5, 2012 9:14 AM

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	though in theory it ought to help me find a potential wife within the church. The first problem I have is that everyone is so much older than me: at my present church, I am the youngest, my mum the second youngest and almost everyone else in her parents' generation. The gender imbalance is just a part of the badly skewed demographics in the active Christian community.	
466	Some men build up 'harems' of girls and don't actually commit to any of them since they like the attention.	May 5, 2012 6:23 AM
467	I am also concerned because I would like men to also be saved and added and enjoy a relationship with God and church life!!!	May 5, 2012 5:57 AM
468	difficult to identify eligible men in large church	May 5, 2012 4:05 AM
469	Christian can be even more preoccupied with getting a man. Which is mostly quite off putting.	May 5, 2012 3:24 AM
470	The men can come across arrogant ss they feel they are sought after and may have many women chasing them. This can be offputting.	May 5, 2012 2:49 AM
471	None of the statements above relate to me - I am concerned about it but only because of what that says about men and their willingness to believe or submit to God and Jesus' teachings.	May 4, 2012 9:17 PM
472	I've not picked a choice, because the correct one isn't there. It certainly hasn't helped me to find a wife - I'm not looking for 80-yr-olds! We need to know what the age profile looks like. Also, it differs a lot from church to church - pensioners, young families etc. So: "It doesn't worry me personally, but I can see it matters to some people in some churches"! And, see Q38 below, "a change in the balance"??? Well, if it changed to 49% women, 51% men, no problem, if it were 100% men, 0% women, disaster!	May 4, 2012 4:54 PM
473	I have been on countless holidays and to single events and it is totally demoralising that 95% are female.	May 4, 2012 4:38 PM
474	I am concerned for the womens chances of finding a partner.	May 4, 2012 3:16 PM
475	another reason to avoid established churches - not honouring the bible by allowing women too much say/power	May 4, 2012 3:11 PM
476	I don't really understand why this situation has come about or why men don't seem to think the church is relevant to their lives. Maybe it has a reputation for being just for women.	May 4, 2012 3:00 PM
477	I'd like more male Christian friends	May 4, 2012 2:43 PM
478	It is not the case in my church, where the sexes are equally balanced.	May 4, 2012 2:18 PM
479	Apart from finding a partner, I enjoy male company but always have to be careful if they are married.	May 4, 2012 1:40 PM
480	I would not think chuch to be a place where sexual tension would be affecting behaviour between men and women. We do need to remind ourselves that we are in the Holy presece of God, we know that we cant earn his love but that does not mean that we must not make every effort to respect His Holiness. Dont think I am making out that I am not capable of impure thoughts because I, like most of us, (I guess) am.	May 4, 2012 1:27 PM

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481	I think it is sad, although it is sadder for a lady.	May 4, 2012 1:10 PM
482	As a man, this bothers me a fair bit. The church as a whole, although generally run by men, has developed an incredibly feminine nature. A typical church service bears no resemblance to anything my non-christian male friends would go to in the course of things...we stand around and sing songs to a man about how beautiful he is, then a someone comes on stage and tells us to be nice to each other and get in touch with our feeling. Ok, so that's a bit of a hyperbole, but I generally don't feel that a church service is an event I can invite my friends to and still be taken seriously afterwards. This is not how it should be! In England we really struggle with a lack of good male role-models in the church. When my friends come along, I just don't think they see many men in the church who they can look at and say 'I want to be more like him!'. Perhaps they would if they understood who Jesus was, but they don't. There are some great men in my church but it isn't obvious at first glance. In small communities, this probably isn't much of a problem: if you know everyone in your town then you'll get to see that side of them. But for the vast majority of people, there's little reason for them to really get to know many Christians on a deeper level. This means that the only impression they have of the church becomes based on media and vague stereotypes which, let's face it, does not provide an attractive picture of it's men. So we end up with fewer men in the church and the imbalance gets worse...	May 4, 2012 1:07 PM
483	Women buzz around eligible men in church like bees around a honey pot. I can't bear to compete.	May 4, 2012 12:46 PM
484	Men are key to bringing a whole household to faith and I think the lack of men in Churches is a significant issue and a severe disincentive for non-Christian men to even think of trying Church.	May 4, 2012 12:43 PM
485	i dont know how things could improve, but i do know that a single man in a church may be chased by many single women if hes the only one	May 4, 2012 11:48 AM
486	The church and events tend to be very female focused and touchy feely. A lot of males I know says it doesn't challenge them, they need the academic argument as well as being told about a relationship.	May 4, 2012 11:24 AM
487	On a personal level for women this is a challenge and even women who have a sense of peace about being single re there being more women than men in the church find this a struggle at times. Also some christian men can take advantage of this as they know they have a good choice of women to choose from, and date prettier girls than they would be able to normally. However, when I think of God's global purposes historically there have always been about two thirds of women on the mission field, who have made a massive impact. So although this inbalance of men and women is a challenge, if I believe God is sovereign then he hasn't screwed up on this and there is a purpose and reason. Also this isn't the only time historically there has been an inbalance, after world war two there weren't many men for women to marry. The church also does promote marriage more highly in many places, so I don't feel often the church has anything to share with the world about the value of being single, what is shared is through individuals being honest and real about this. The church has a lot of growth to do in this area.	May 4, 2012 9:03 AM
488	the major downside of this is that it can be a somewhat circular process - it culturally feminises the church in some eyes, reducing the possible missional footprint to men.	May 4, 2012 8:57 AM

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489	I am concerned, but not from a personal point of view but because this imbalance is not a reflection of God's family. There are men out there missing out on the Author of love and Salvation.	May 4, 2012 8:24 AM
490	As I'm now 81, I've stopped looking for a husband	May 4, 2012 7:58 AM
491	It is a massive issue and one that church leaders have failed to address adequately. Church is not attractive to many men - the way information is communicated and presented is not always helpful.	May 4, 2012 7:03 AM
492	Some Christian men can be more arrogant because they have such choice. (I am sounding bitter aren't I?)	May 4, 2012 5:14 AM
493	I don't like how some of the men in my church treat women. They just ask lots of girls out then act cool round them - not acting prayfully. Not all men do this just some.	May 4, 2012 4:00 AM
494	why aren't men in church?	May 4, 2012 3:50 AM
495	It would be good to see more men in church - not as potential partners for me (but yes for the many lovely young women who would love to be married to a Christian man), but it would just be good for the church itself.	May 4, 2012 1:23 AM
496	There are very few single women in my church, which is a small rural church.	May 4, 2012 12:35 AM
497	Personally I think this is indicative of poor male leadership within the Church which will then create an imbalance in the male / female relationship within Church with a consequent impact on its wider ministry.	May 3, 2012 6:47 PM
498	Goes to show that meeting the partner God has for you is truly a divine appointment. With the natural eye, if we as women are to marry only within the faith then the numbers dont really add up. Its all by Gods grace.	May 3, 2012 5:37 PM
499	That's just how it is. I don't go to Church primarily to find a husband!	May 3, 2012 3:31 PM
500	Women can feel trapped in singleness, while men may feel they have many options and be slower to commit. Hard to improve this without changing the balance of men and women. I am also concerned about this for the sake of non-Christian men, not just because they may be potential husbands!	May 3, 2012 3:27 PM
501	if I am talking to a married man they bring up that they have a wife very quickly and I feel awkward because I just want a normal conversation and not seem I am after them. I feel like a spare part sometimes.	May 3, 2012 2:29 PM
502	I feel it is unfair to expect women to remain single and 'waiting' for the right one from God, when the numbers don't lie. Sometimes there just aren't enough to go round. Men feel preyed upon and yet also maybe quite powerful because there are so many Christian women looking for a partner.	May 3, 2012 2:18 PM
503	I don't agree with any of the above statements - I'm not worried about finding a husband! But I do think many women see it like this - the numbers are stacked against them and it's easy to let fear and panic set in. And it can also have negative effects on the behaviour of the men - either they are too scared to ask anyone out for fear of not really knowing what they want or of hurting people's feelings or thinking they can behave how they like because there is a large pool from which to choose! Church demographics are hugely important though, particularly because the Church hierarchy is largely male - sociologists joke that the Church is a women's organisation run by men! I	May 3, 2012 2:08 PM

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think both genders feel upset with how things are done in churches sometimes because deeper issues to do with gender and leadership haven't been addressed properly, and many women feel frustrated because they feel called to ministry but are prevented from expressing themselves as they might because of a combination of prejudice and theology that says women can only minister under male leadership. I think those attitudes rob the Church of the leaders it might have if it changed its position on some of those issues.

504	Not judging people (who know they have failed in relationships), and accepting them openly	May 3, 2012 1:36 PM
505	I know loads of great single Christian ladies, now in their late thirties and forties. It makes me sad that there is not enough men to go around, especially Godly ones, they all get snapped up early, and they have loads of choice in finding a Godly wife! There needs to be strong manly leadership in the Church and particularly in Youth Work, to model what a strong Christian man looks like. There is a trend towards a crisis of masculinity in the Church which means that boys growing up are more likely to drift away.	May 3, 2012 1:17 PM
506	I think it is a significant issue because it means there is an imbalance in the church irrespective of my personal situation. It is not healthy for the church to have more women than men.	May 3, 2012 1:12 PM
507	Having less men also weakens the church; there are fewer role models for the boys growing up in church. Young Christian girls need to be able to meet Christian boys in the youth groups or in church rather than having to look elsewhere. Youth groups need Christian male and female leadership.	May 3, 2012 12:43 PM
508	If there is a single man around, the women tend to pounce on him poor chap. They have the pick of the bunch. We need more men to be strong in their faith and be truly Godly men for Jesus sake.	May 3, 2012 12:21 PM
509	It seems to me that this situation has resulted in men being very passive and just sitting back while women are chasing and being quite desperate and often (forgive my bluntness) end up going for someone who does not have much going for them. There is a much wider variety and selection in wider society and the men will even ask you out and don't expect to just sit there and do nothing. This is doubly problematic when you consider many Churches are still preaching that the wife should submit and the husband should lead and initiate. How is that going to work when the woman has had to initiate the situation?	May 3, 2012 11:47 AM
510	Adam fell because he was passive and did not lead Eve. I think passivity amongst men in the church is the reason that many men do not feel welcome or feel they have a role to fulfil. I would like church to look more at the positives of men and women rather than creating comparison/competition.	May 3, 2012 11:44 AM
511	This is symptomatic of a wider feminisation of the church and consequently the church has little to offer to men or to attract men. Services are structured more to serve women as are, it seems to me at least, most of the activities churches seem to get involved in.	May 3, 2012 11:30 AM
512	more churches linking up, there are men out there but they just might not go to my church!! also for the men we do have that are single it is important for them to have friends to relate to and also they feel like there is a balance in church	May 3, 2012 11:30 AM

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513	There are more women but not necessarily in my (relatively younger) age group. Though mote generally we do need more strong Christian men (which does not mean being macho!)	May 3, 2012 10:42 AM
514	Although it has little affect on me it needs to be addressed. Men need to know the love of God just as much as women do. Although there are more men than women in church they can be quite unfriendly and unsociable seeming to prefer female Christian company. They can also be prudish, over sensative and have far too high expectations. Jesus is an impossible man to compete with for the heart of a pious or righteous woman.	May 3, 2012 10:31 AM
515	I think more Alpha courses should be run in Pubs and Golf Clubs. We need to be 'Fishers of MEN' and find venues where men go and start running Bible courses, or Christian meet-up etc in those places.	May 3, 2012 8:51 AM
516	Men expect women to be more available as there are fewer men than in the world. In reality women only go for men they really like rather than any man. That can be a great source of frustration for men. Women can be very despondent about the numbers but we have to believe that God has a plan for each of us and we will be fulfilled if we follow Him. He is very creative with very little eg fishes and loaves!!	May 3, 2012 8:37 AM
517	This hasn't been a problem in any of the churches I have attended. If anything the youngsters in the age group 18-25 have been oriented towards the male gender.	May 3, 2012 7:38 AM
518	It also bothers me though because we just need to reach men with the gospel better! When I'm thinking straight, that's more important than whether I find a husband or not.	May 3, 2012 7:36 AM
519	We need more men!!!	May 3, 2012 7:30 AM
520	See my previous comments - "They lay heavy burdens on us (the church on single women to marry christians) and do not lift a finger to help" GET ATTRACTING MEN IN AND CUT THE SLUSHY EMOTIONAL HYMNS AND GET SOME GOOD OLD FASHIONED MUSCULAR CHRISTIANITY BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	May 3, 2012 6:51 AM
521	Unless men and women recognise that each individual is a unique and cherished child of God, some may fall into the trap of desperation and / or viewing the situation as a (to put it crudely) meat market. Seeing going to church as a way to worship and fellowship first should be the principal motive. However, wouldn't it be great if local churches organised events exclusively for singles on a regular basis?	May 3, 2012 6:45 AM
522	More concerned that lack of men in church affects the advancement of the kingdom than the advancement of marriage relationships. I feel church can be very feminine and this is the bigger issue, hence my answer below.	May 3, 2012 6:39 AM
523	I can only comment on my own situation. I have found a partner that most people would deem inappropriate on grounds of age disparity. This was definitely not my original intention - someone else was at work - guess who?	May 3, 2012 6:24 AM
524	My answer fluctuates from number 1 and 3	May 3, 2012 6:08 AM
525	I am not surprised- it probably always was! More so in the Early Church perhaps... Maybe there is still a sense of the church as a refuge? At some level a "voice for the voiceless". Maybe it needs to look at supporting men to	May 3, 2012 5:10 AM

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	assist their issues of role; anger management; sexuality.even if gay or bisexual. Without moral condemnation.	
526	I believe we need more men in church but not because it would give me a better chance of finding a future husband	May 3, 2012 3:30 AM
527	only when at cu at uni I think that it is now more blanced but truers ini 90's	May 3, 2012 2:25 AM
528	I wonder what the balance of SINGLE men to women is like in the church, I suspect there is less of a disparity.	May 2, 2012 9:33 PM
529	Make the church more manly and get the few men in the church to man up...songs and choruses are all about gentle jesus, onward and upwards and fight the good fight might be a bit more appropriate for the men and a bit more rock and drums...challenge days for the men with a bit of adrenalin...this might bring out the fun adrenalin fuelled women as well	May 2, 2012 8:02 PM
530	In our church we lacked men a few years ago and we prayed for more men to come. A few years later we have so many men so now we are praying for more women..... In older type churches though i have always found it is primarily older women who go because men find church boring and irrelevant truthully, if they are not really committed already. Church shoudl be full of life, we have football nights, curry nights, mens camps, and our ministers are normal men who refer to football and computer games a lot in their sermons! Being too holy to be fun is not really how i see jesus and i think our church reflects his funloving and yet holy nature.	May 2, 2012 6:08 PM
531	These figures need to be stratified by age. Is the imbalance in 20 somethings the same as for 80 somethings?	May 2, 2012 4:25 PM
532	only women in my church are divorced with children which I am not sure about whether I would want to take on this role of Step parent .. could end up feeling like a lodger in the home if we got married. No preparation for Step parenting !	May 2, 2012 4:00 PM
533	There are less men so it seems. It means I have less male friends. Engaging with blokes is even harder and when/if you do it feels less natural.	May 2, 2012 3:53 PM
534	Ticked as above as how I think women feel generally. I think the church should be addressing the issue of the gender difference. Not women's fault - I think some feel strongly that it's women's fault but I disagree. Not sure what the solution is, though I do think that men take a back seat too often - maybe women should be slower to take control/ fill the gaps. We need to be reaching men, communicating the gospel to them. Something's missing in that respect, because, I've heard, men are interested in spirituality, but even Christian men seem uninterested in involvement in church life. A shame because they bring energy.	May 2, 2012 3:47 PM
535	Where are the men! lol	May 2, 2012 3:46 PM
536	I am also concerned because men need Jesus too and not just because of the husband bit!!!	May 2, 2012 3:31 PM
537	I don't attend church to 'find a husband' However does it tell us something about what is lacking in the church and how it develops its outreach into the local area and society in general? Is it a club for mums and children or is it actively seeking the needs in the area?	May 2, 2012 3:21 PM

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538	Well, it is said that the men can just pick, that the ladies are like bees around a pot of honey when there is an eligible bachelor in church. I can't say I have witnessed this, but may be it was just not on my radar. It is true, though, that a lot of single ladies in church are worried about this imbalance and their chances of finding a Christian husband. How to improve the imbalance? So many men in society and in church are confused about their identity. Feminism taught them the lie that they were more or less dispensable, even for having children (you can have a sperm donor you don't even know), for some time they were told they should be softies, then they were told they needed to be Rambos. Poor guys! Good practical teaching and encouragement from man to man is necessary in church. Guys only groups where they can do sports, go on a "treasure hunt", a boot camp etc all geared towards them finding out who they are made to be: in the image of God. Teaching about fatherhood and who God the Father is for them. They need good examples to follow. Church leaders who know who they are in Jesus and who can pass on this knowledge to other men. All this hopefully would not only strengthen men already in church but make church more attractive for men. They need to be able to be real with each other in church.	May 2, 2012 3:13 PM
539	The fact can either make us women trust God more or give into despair. Maybe bringing out the selfish animal instincts. I think we do need to pray men into the kingdom of heaven. They need God too not sure why they resist Him because I know God loves them.	May 2, 2012 3:06 PM
540	To answer this question, and the question below, it would be nice if everyone went to church and then this would not be an issue. Everyone going to church is my dream.	May 2, 2012 2:56 PM
541	I think that it is important for there to be a balance in the church because then it would reflect society better. I am aware that some men see church as "soft" or being for women, and this has an impact on the younger generation too.	May 2, 2012 2:56 PM
542	our church has a great balance - but it is because of the way it is led...	May 2, 2012 2:51 PM
543	It has led to arrogant men, who think I want to marry them if I say hello. Outside the church, most of these men wouldn't stand a chance.	May 2, 2012 2:48 PM
544	Why are there more women in the church? I think lots of people want to get married. How can churches get more involved in helping to promote a healthy culture in this area? I like some of the events CC runs for single Christians and I think churches should get ideas from this kind of approach. I also think there should be more of these events from CC!	May 2, 2012 2:33 PM
545	I notice you don't have a box for men who are seriously concerned about this issue. We're not all that selfish you know! This is the biggest crisis facing the church in the last 100 years and no one is talking about it. Why?	May 2, 2012 2:19 PM
546	The comment is a moot point as there aren't many single males in my Church anyway, as it is quite a small Fellowship.	May 2, 2012 2:13 PM
547	OUR CHURCH HAS ALWAYS SEEN MEN SAVED.	May 2, 2012 2:05 PM
548	The men who may be outnumbered may feel threatened if there are too many interested ladies coming onto them. This may also show women to be desperate when they are not and all they want is have some male companionship.	May 2, 2012 1:26 PM
549	With more women in the church than men, there is more competition and	May 2, 2012 1:15 PM

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with me I do have issues with jealousy and I know I am not very attractive so this is a constant threat and heartache.

550	I think it is a very general statement and it depends on which Church you go to as to whether this can affect behaviour and relationships.	May 2, 2012 1:02 PM
551	Men inside the church need to be reaching out to men outside the church much more...if they were getting saved there wouldn't be a problem!!!	May 2, 2012 12:57 PM
552	I do not agree with the wording of this question (Q37). The numbers of males and females are more or less even in my fellowship.	May 2, 2012 12:49 PM
553	As regards finding a partner, there are so few single people (of any gender) in the church that this issue has little effect!	May 2, 2012 12:46 PM
554	Not really relevant to me as there is only one single girl near my age in my church and 99% of christians are evangelicals who won't be yoked with a liberal.	May 2, 2012 12:44 PM
555	Some people view church as being too feminine.Perhaps this is why. My church places an emphasis on having male leaders only and I feel is more masculine than other churches I have attended.	May 2, 2012 12:36 PM
556	It is very competitive and it is all single women talk about is meeting the right partner	May 2, 2012 12:35 PM
557	My primary thoughts in this area have nothing to do with my chances or not of marrying. Rather, my concern is that the Church has lost sight of the shape of true biblical piety and has allowed itself to become conformed to a particular type of femininity, which alienates both a large number of men and many women too.	May 2, 2012 12:30 PM
558	It seems that many young men leave the church and their faith in their late teens or early twenties, perhaps this is something the Church needs to investigate.	May 2, 2012 12:22 PM
559	Basically it would help when people get married to keep intriducing their single freinds to each other rather than get stuck in the Christian bubble. Secondly it would help if people took spending time with non Christian friends seriously. Evangelism is not a tack on to your life. Church's so often demand we 'do evangelism' but actually I commit the majority of my work and social life to non -Christian friends. How else are we going to bring men in? My generation don't wnt to go to events! They just want to chat in the pub and engage with exciting peope who think and bring hope - that's US. Why are we stuck in church meetings? Men do activities. Lets get OUT THERE.	May 2, 2012 12:15 PM
560	Maybe some women will settle for less than ideal?!	May 2, 2012 12:06 PM
561	It does worry me, but because of Christian witness and involvement in the workplace and market place - not really because of reducing my chances of finding a husband. However, now you've mentioned it, perhaps there should be a drive for more men.	May 2, 2012 11:53 AM
562	It doesn't matter what the odds are - its about finding someone compatible. According to the statistics I should have babes flocking at my feet. Errrr, not happening.And those single women who are around are not compatible (marital status, wanting kids etc).	May 2, 2012 11:48 AM

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563	Church needs to be challenging so that men feel it has something to say to them. Church is quite comfortable for many at the moment and this attracts women.	May 2, 2012 11:46 AM
564	I am concerned - not so much for me but for the future of the church.	May 2, 2012 11:31 AM
565	It's a problem, but doesn't affect the chances of marriage.	May 2, 2012 11:22 AM
566	I attend a large church so any perceived imbalance is less noticeable	May 2, 2012 11:21 AM
567	I'm concerned that church is often unattractive for men, especially the ones who are not good at expressing their feelings. I'd like to see the church full of strong men, not only to improve my chances of meeting someone special when I'm divorced and ready, but generally for society and for God.	May 2, 2012 11:15 AM
568	i sorrow as it reflects some of the confusion Men have with their role in life and the power of the Gospel and the vibrancy of a Christian relationship with God. In my Church we have more Men than Women.	May 2, 2012 10:53 AM
569	I am concerned, but not that I can't find a husband now. I'm concerned this is an outrageous imbalance that doesn't reflect society at all. WHY don't church leaders (usually male & married) recognise its totally unhealthy that single women outnumber single men 6 to 1. And do something about redressing the imbalance?	May 2, 2012 10:49 AM
570	Things can only be improved if Men feel that church is a relevant place to be. Some feel pressured because of the disparity of male/female ratio. It needs to be addressed but how I don't know.	May 2, 2012 10:49 AM
571	Lol therearent many single men at mine, unfortunately	May 2, 2012 10:39 AM
572	I wasn't worried.. but I didn't know this statistic before! We're all pretty screwed then I guess (or not as the case may be)	May 2, 2012 10:38 AM
573	If anything, it's the other way around at my church, unfortunately.	May 2, 2012 10:36 AM
574	We all need to pray for our young men to be saved and take their right place in the church.	May 2, 2012 10:36 AM
575	I tihnk it is a big issue and I think it is a big problem. I think it has a negative effect because too many Christian can get obsessed with getting a husband and obsess over the issue.	May 2, 2012 10:33 AM
576	if there are more women and men how come they are so difficult to find and meet? They must be old ladies, widows, whose husbands dying has upset the gender balance	May 2, 2012 10:29 AM
577	One risks settling for any christian man rather than the right man who also happens to be a christian in God's plan?!	May 2, 2012 10:22 AM
578	I am concerned, but more because as there are less men the Church lacks strong men of God.	May 2, 2012 10:16 AM
579	my church has a equal balance which is great	May 2, 2012 10:14 AM
580	overall i am concerned because we need men in the church , the man is the head of the household so it should be the man is the head of the church , men should be bringing in men.	May 2, 2012 10:11 AM

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581	All of the men in my church are married.	May 2, 2012 9:58 AM
582	Singles church clubs.	May 2, 2012 9:56 AM
583	There are a number of men in their 20s at my church who are quite happy to string lots of girls along at one time, talk awfully about them and are happy in the knowledge that they will still have plenty of opportunity when they feel like settling down no matter how abysmally they behave because the odds are in their favour.	May 2, 2012 9:48 AM
584	If the churches are full of women, it deters men from exploring church attendance - they don't like being in a minority. Also, you have to be careful when talking to married men as their wives appear to think you are trying to steal them!	May 2, 2012 9:31 AM
585	I'm concerned - but not because it lessens my chance of finding a husband - it means that for some or many reasons the church isn't relevant or speaking to the men in our society	May 2, 2012 8:58 AM
586	It's horrid because the last thing I want to be seen as is some pathetic, desperate middle-aged woman, which I'm not! But there is that perception out there.	May 2, 2012 8:53 AM
587	It's a huge problem. How are you meant to marry a Christian man when there are 20 single women for every 1 single man??	May 2, 2012 8:41 AM
588	I dont think if church can do anything about it, as that is natural effect,	May 2, 2012 8:31 AM
589	Perhaps it says more about leadership in churches today, perhaps we need strong male leaders/preachers to attract to keep more men supported in the church.	May 2, 2012 8:27 AM
590	Needs another option, yes there are more women, but in my church most are married and those who arent are in a relationship, this is often the case i find. So I have no idea where I will meet my future wife or how to find them	May 2, 2012 8:25 AM
591	Preach the Gospel	May 2, 2012 8:06 AM
592	woman who have been married hide behind the church and don,t want face or want to move on with life.	May 2, 2012 8:00 AM
593	A balance of men and women is the best environment, but until the church (and male church members) focus on bringing their mates in, it won't happen in the UK.	May 2, 2012 7:59 AM
594	We need to focus on mens' needs and styles of relating and appreciate their masculinity. Our worship, small groups and community activities are largely feminine in their style. We should applaud the church football team, say thank you to the DIYers, do treks in the wilderness as well as pot luck lunches, point out jesus's male characteristics	May 2, 2012 7:59 AM
595	I think this a key issue for women and has caused much heartache, as man of us would like to be married but want our husbands to be men who share our faith and truly love God.	May 2, 2012 7:58 AM
596	There may be more middle aged women in the church then men but there are very few young women.	May 2, 2012 7:57 AM

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597	There probably are more women in the Church than men. However, if this is so, it's likely that these aren't ELIGIBLE women being OAPs or of incompatible ethnic groups. In my church there are very, very few eligible women and a lot of single men.	May 2, 2012 7:56 AM
598	I think more singles - m/f- would come to church if the church specifically welcomed them.	May 2, 2012 7:54 AM
599	Maybe more teaching directed more at the men	May 2, 2012 7:46 AM
600	Yes, they need to look at the reasons for this, why should this be?	May 2, 2012 7:31 AM
601	N/A	May 2, 2012 7:22 AM
602	Disparity leads to men not feeling they have to 'compete' for women and not always treating them well. In my experience men 25-40 in church are all interested in women in their mid-20s leaving any women over 30 "on the shelf" I am also concerned about the balance as a wider issue, it can become a self fulfilling issue that men dont go to church because men dont go to church...	May 2, 2012 6:59 AM
603	no issues women rightly feel safe in church	May 2, 2012 6:51 AM
604	more things like mens curry nights, discussion groups, friendship groups and pub nights might be helpfu. i know of a church that does this that has no shortage of single men.	May 2, 2012 6:49 AM
605	in general my church is married with 2.4 kids, there are few single people in the 25-55 afe range	May 2, 2012 6:47 AM
606	It also impacts on their salvation which is more important!	May 2, 2012 6:43 AM
607	I think this is a big problem, even speaking as a man who stands to benefit from the gender imbalance. We need to be reaching more people, more effectively. Having more men in the church, particularly more overtly masculine men, would be good for church in general, and would also attract a wider spectrum of women.	May 2, 2012 6:39 AM
608	I just wish more men were saved, and that church was conducive to aid this. (This is why I've said important in question 38 In a way it disproves the idea the Christian is a male based religion that women can't enjoy.	May 2, 2012 6:38 AM
609	If we would occasionally show some fight, more men would be interested. The predominant mindset of my non Christian friends is that it's a place for the weak and those who need to be told about love. They don't see God as a warrior	May 2, 2012 6:26 AM
610	In my circles I've often found more single men around.	May 2, 2012 6:16 AM
611	I think this is much more a local issue (eg in Harrogate there seem to be more single men) whereas in other towns the women seem to be more numerous	May 2, 2012 5:14 AM
612	I think single men find it particularly difficult as there are very few other men that they can relate to. It's easier for the women - as there are lots of women to relate to, but there are still difficulties created by the fact that they are married with children which gives them a very different lifestyle, priorities, etc.	Apr 21, 2012 11:30 AM