Introduction: Keeping First Things First

A. Worship celebrates the "worth-ship" of God; it's all about God, not about us.

B. Yet we all bring our gender with us to worship.

I. The theological issue of gendered language in worship

A. Does God have gender?

B. All language about God is analogical.

II. The nature of gender

A. What we cannot say about gender

B. What we can say about gender

III. Biblical and historical notes on gender in worship

A. Worship leaders in the first-century church

B. Worship changes in later church history

C. A "feminized" Church vs. a "muscular Christianity"

IV. What men and women each bring to worship

A. How men and women might differ in what they bring to worship

B. How men and women overlap in what they bring to worship

Conclusion: It takes both male and female together to image God fully in our worship (Genesis 1:27).
Most of the following books were referenced in the seminar; all of them contribute in some way to understanding gender issues in the church and in worship.


