

How do we navigate this world?

- Know what you stand for
- Love what you stand for
- Be aware of dual lens
- Welcome Challenge

Feedback & What people said

- It's a struggle to fit in and love the people around us that haven't adopted our culture, how do we reach in a way that doesn't seem racist?
- The other extreme is being 'yeah, everyone is allowed to do whatever they want'
- The other day I was in a supermarket and a foreign man goes in front of me, expects me to let him, I was stuck not wanting to say something in case he shows anger, but then others behind reacted as well, and I was stuck in the middle.
- How do I not conform to tolerate or to conform to a level of racism that is prevalent in this society? Are we English too polite?
- Wherever we look we can see the messages being shown to us not of Kingdom values; Facebook, pop-up ads, light fiction (novels, magazines) and everything we watch, films, television etc.... I'm glad that these series of teachings have opened my eyes to this.
- There is a whole issue of grade inflation, where schools, colleges need better grades to stay up the league tables. There has been criticism in media for 'grade inflation' and at the same time people exclaim "Gosh, you are a tough marker!" It's an escalating situation where students feel they deserve higher grades even if they cannot demonstrate their ability. (I would think this is worse for university students as they are paying!)
- There is a pressure to conform as there is fear of exclusion, it's also a form of understanding each other or at least trying to, it's hard to be different when you just want to fit in.
- When I first saw the news about gender pay gap I was all for the whole situation having been in the position myself when I was in direct competition with someone who was being paid more for no other reason than his gender. However the more I read and I looked into especially within the BBC environment I saw that it was being unfair in the other way, men that had been working for years and were on higher wages due to experience were expected to take a pay cut, or the women, some of the a lot younger and so did not have as much experienced were expecting to earn exactly the same. I thought something is not right. When Jamie explained where they were getting the figures from in the media it makes it clearer once again how this is another example of manipulation.
- The figures quoted in regards the career paths show how currently women have tended towards lower paid jobs, that's a choice they have made.
- It's hard that we can't say what you really want to say in case we offend someone, as previous teachings have taught it's not about other people making the choice to be offended but it's almost become an automatic response for people to be offended no matter what you say.

- People culture saying you need to have a really good job, big house, big car, good husband, once again it is pressure of how we have to conform to look like we are happy. Women can have it all, career and a family, but there is so much pressure even though that's not what everyone does want.
- I was reading an article in the paper about a woman who had decided to be married and not have children and yet everyone was judging her, kept asking why, and thought it strange that her decision was not to. She was upset that people thought they had the right to ask her about her personal decisions and yet the whole tone of the article was very rude and demeaning to other women that had made the decision to have children. No one is being fair!
- It is frightening how legislation has come into practice to measure how we employ people, this balance of equality has swung the wrong way, in my previous profession a half cast, LGBT women joked that she had a stronger chance of anyone in getting to board level just because of who she identified as.
- There was an article in the news about the levels of LGBT in the BBC, stating over 60% did not identify as heterosexual, surely that is not in line with the nation as a whole.
- I am leaving here tonight to go and see where I think I am conforming, I want to see a breakthrough in my mind-set on this.
- In my profession I have seen the pressure of social workers to agree with the views of society to get the desired outcome, which is not necessarily the kingdom view or even the best for the child.
- I believe I may be conforming in spending time on Facebook, I ignore it for ages but then I go back on and get dragged back in, I need to either disconnect completely or manage myself better.