



## ***Bekah and Rob's tips for working together well as women and men in ministry:***

### **Do your inner work**

Let's be women and men who are always seeking to be more like Jesus, both in our own souls and as we relate to others.

### **Revamp your Sunday School**

Are all of your faith heroes men? Time to change that by learning (and learning from!) the stories of women...from the Bible, from church history, and in your ministry context!

### **Talk...A Lot!**

Communication is like oil in the partnership engine. The best ministry partnerships are the ones where women and men talk...and then talk some more!

### **Pay Attention**

We don't talk about power a lot in our faith communities, but we should. Examine how power works in your community, and how might you redistribute power so that women can thrive!

### **Do your Homework**

Everyone has room to grow theologically. Find a bunch of books that articulate a theology that supports the full partnership of women and men in the IVP bookstore. Just tell 'em Bekah and Rob sent you!

### **Know your place**

Want to help your community develop a vision for women and men in partnership? Before you jump and start changing things, start by getting to know your context, entering in with humility, curiosity, and a thirst to understand. If you're serving cross-culturally as a guest, this is particularly important!

### **Choose to be an upstander**

As the name implies, bystanders stand by and watch. By contrast, upstanders get involved, especially when they see injustices against women. Be an upstander!

### **Have a launch pad**

We all need safe spaces to process our experiences, and that's particularly true for women as they engage a church that isn't always open to their leadership. Where's your safe space? And/or, how can you become a safe space for someone else?

### **Represent!**

Don't let your value for women and men in partnership be hidden. Instead, seek to embody your value every day, and in every way!

### **Go for it!**

If thriving partnerships were easy, we'd already have figured them out! Partnering together well will mean we need to take risks. Ready? Let's go!

**Better Together: Women and Men Partnering to Advance God's Mission**

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