

G. Lesson Seven: Representing God’s Father-Son love through the advance installment of the Holy Spirit

1. Detachment: the Christian hope makes little difference in the world

25. It feels as if the only hope I have to offer the world is the gospel of forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ.

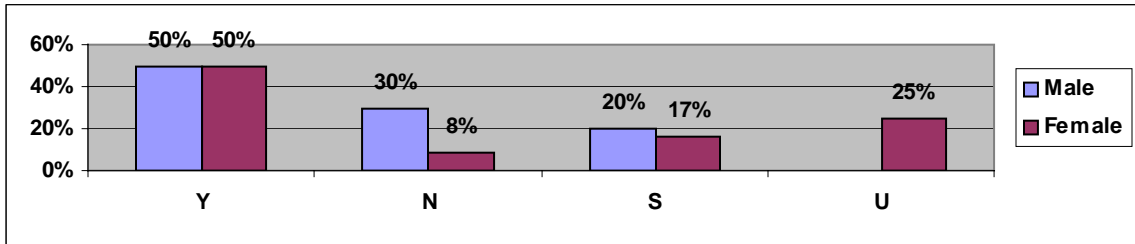


Figure 49: Not feeling oneself being the presence of God’s Father-Son love

26. Jesus is the presence of God’s hope for the world.

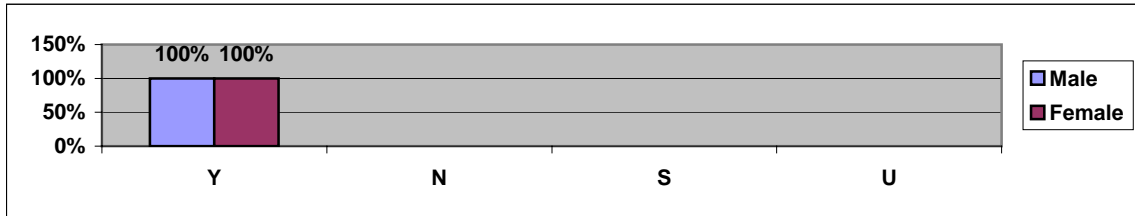


Figure 50: Understanding about being the presence of God’s Father-Son love

27. I would like to learn how to be the presence of God’s hope in Jesus Christ for the world better.

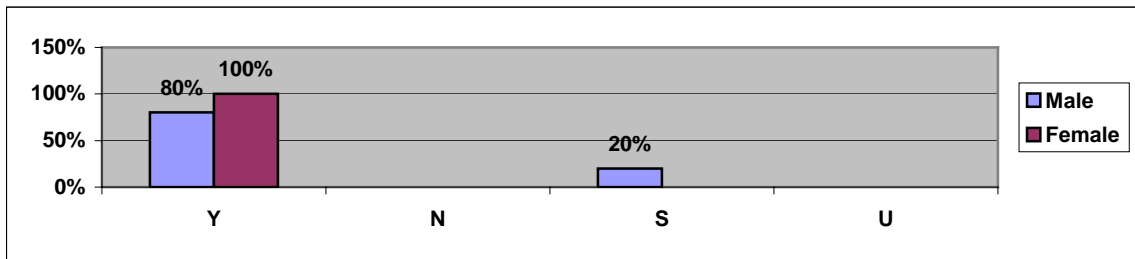


Figure 51: Desire to learn to represent God’s Father-Son love better

28. The hope I offer the world is the presence of God in Jesus Christ.

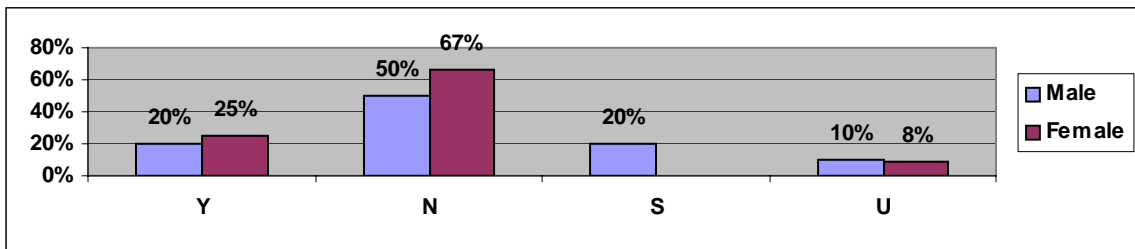


Figure 52: Being the presence of God’s Father-Son love

2. The learning experience: moving from Gnostic detachment to hopeful engagement

25. It feels as if I have more hope to offer the world now than before the 10-week learning experience.

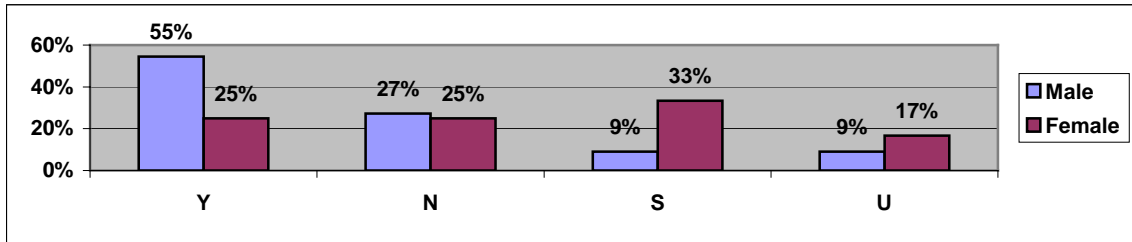


Figure 53: Increase in feeling oneself being the presence of God's Father-Son love

26. I understand better now that Jesus is the presence of God's hope for the world than I did before the 10-week learning experience.

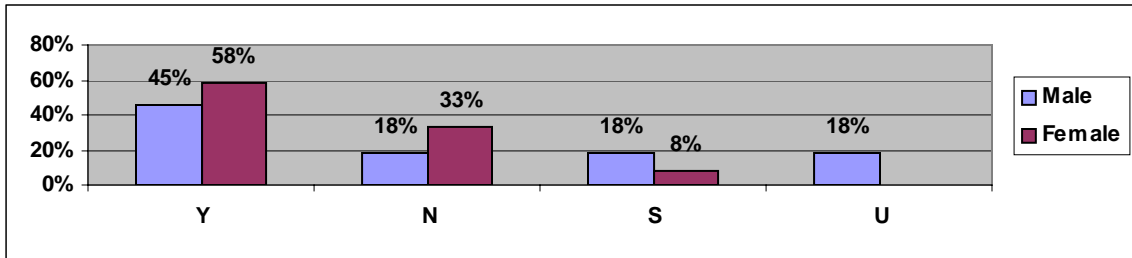


Figure 54: Increase in understanding about being the presence of God's Father-Son love

27. I want to learn how to be the presence of God's hope in Jesus Christ for the world more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience.

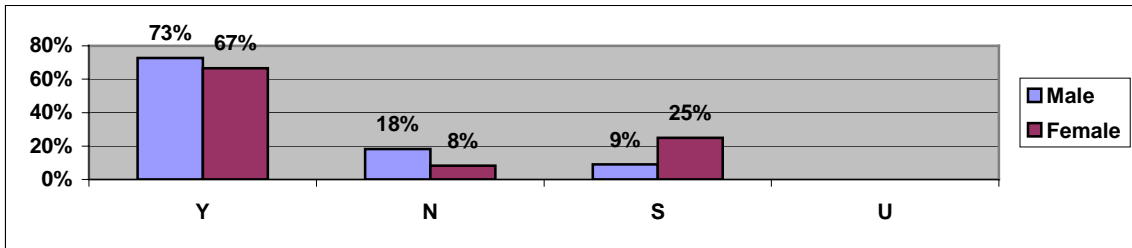


Figure 55: Increase in desire to learn to represent God's Father-Son love

28. I offer the world the hope of the presence of God in Jesus Christ more now than I did before the 10-week learning experience.

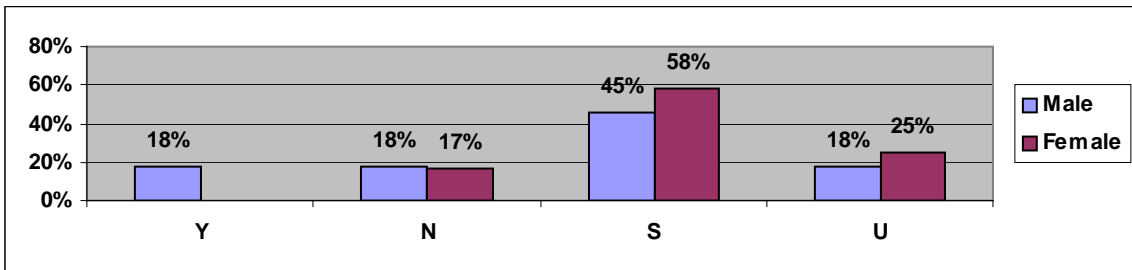


Figure 56: Increase in being the presence of God's Father-Son love

3. Evaluation, analysis and conclusion

<p>Hypothesis</p>	<p><i>Christians sometimes or often experience that the hope they have to offer this world makes little difference in the day-to-day affairs of this world perhaps because they consider the gospel to be primarily about forgiveness of sins instead of embodying Jesus as the eschatological presence of God's Father-Son love in the world.</i></p>					
<p>Did not feel oneself embodying Jesus as the eschatological presence of God's Father-Son love</p>	<p>Males</p>	<p>Y 50%</p>	<p>S 20%</p>	<p>Females</p>	<p>Y 50%</p>	<p>S 17%</p>
<p>Increase in feeling oneself embodying Jesus as the eschatological presence of God's Father-Son love</p>	<p>Males</p>	<p>Y 55%</p>	<p>S 9%</p>	<p>Females</p>	<p>Y 25%</p>	<p>S 33%</p>
<p>Narrative</p> <p>I really appreciated the poem (F).</p>						
<p>Analysis</p> <p>Detachment: 50% of the males and females felt significant affective detachment or dis-embeddedness in experiencing being the eschatological presence of God's Father-Son love in the world</p> <p>Learning experience: The learning experience significantly moved 55% of the males and 25% of the females to an increased experience of being the eschatological presence of God in the world. Other factors may also have influenced the outcome.</p>						
<p>Conclusions</p> <p>Since the poem "Representing Jesus" sought to emotionally impact the participants about the need to set up signs of the hope of the coming kingdom, there appears to be some causal connection between considering the Christian faith to be more about personal salvation and experiencing that the hope the gospel has to offer the world appears to make little difference in the day-to-day affairs of the world. The narrative response appears to confirm this.</p> <p>This lesson of the learning experience was reasonably helpful for the males but not very helpful for the females in moving them to an increased experience of the Christian faith being about embodying Jesus as the eschatological presence of God in this world</p>						

Table 7: From Gnostic detachment to hopeful engagement