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Johannes Reimer – From Red Army to Leading a Global Missions Movement

College and University Class Resource

This resource is designed to help your classroom discussion. It has specific application questions appropriate to local church ministry contexts. Consider using a discussion method most suitable to your classroom setting. Select questions most appropriate to your group. Consider isolating particular themes.

Materials

1. Video: Johannes Reimer, 41 minutes.
2. Theme: Conversion to Christ, persecution and suffering, and missional movements.

Preliminary discussion

1. What were the major themes in Reimer's responses?
2. How does Reimer describe mission in the Spirit?
3. Discuss the difficulties of the content. What was difficult to understand? Was there anything you would like to clarify with the group?
4. Theological method: How is Reimer's theology informed and shaped by his practical ministry? What approaches does he take in understanding God in the context of his day-to-day experiences and discipling?

Explore and apply

Consider isolating a particular theme of interest for your classroom discussion. You might allocate topics for questions to particular groups or pairs. Or, raise particular questions in a forum style for group responses. Apply the answers to these questions in your own setting.

1. What do you learn about faith and conversion and belief from listening to the story of Reimer's conversion to Christianity?
2. What inspires and moves Reimer to serve in mission?
3. How did God minister to Reimer in persecution and suffering in the Red Army?
4. How can the church be a light to the world?
5. How can the church be a missional ecclesia today?
6. What does it mean for the church to be externally focused?
7. What does a theology of transformation look like?
8. What role does Micah Global play in God's mission in the world today?
9. How can the church be a light in the world?
10. What are some things the Eastern church can teach the church in the West?
11. How can Christians in the West recover the passion and mission of Christians in the East?

Classroom ministry

Facilitate an opportunity for students to respond to the video in light of the classroom discussion. Consider inviting students to write their responses to the following questions.

1. What is God encouraging me, our small group and our community, to do?
2. In response to the issues raised in the video, what are areas I want to ask God for forgiveness in? How do I need to change? What does God want me to stand up for?
3. How do I need God to minister to me and my community, for us to better engage with the contextual issues of our community?
4. How can I gain a better understanding of mission? What do we ask that God would do in our hearts?

Prayer

Spend time in prayer over what you've learnt. You may encourage your class to pray for one another. Or, in light of your discussion, you may choose to pray over your class.

Links

Website: www.theglobalchurchproject.com

Book: Graham Hill, *GlobalChurch: Reshaping Our Conversations, Renewing Our Mission, Revitalizing Our Churches* (IVP Academic, 2016)