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

Small Group Study Guide

This resource is designed to help your small group discussion. It's shaped to inspire you to consider new ways for understanding the mission of the church. Questions are organized in themes. Consider choosing the themes appropriate to your small group context. You don't need to cover all the questions. Allow for a time of response.

Materials

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

Preliminary discussion

Consider the questions suggested below to start the conversation for your small group. They'll consolidate the content of the video, after you've viewed it.

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

Explore the major themes raised in the video. Critically engage with Johannes Reimer's theology. Consider the questions that respond to the issues raised in your preliminary discussion. Apply the answers to these questions in your own setting. Ensure the discussion is specifically drawing on your local setting. Make sure the discussion is relevant to the lives of faith for your small group. Encourage relevant and thoughtful examples from each participant.

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 reamer 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?

Informing Community

Facilitate the space for your group to respond to the discussion. You might consider this section as a personal time of written journal 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.

Invite the ministry of the Holy Spirit to clarify, heal, and inspire change for your participants and communities.

Links

Website: www.theglobalchurchproject.com

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