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Pablo Martinez – A church planter reflects on multi-ethnic church, renewal, discipleship, and family

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. You don't need to cover all the questions. Allow for a time of response.

Materials

1. Video: Pablo Martinez, 22 minutes.
2. Theme: A church planter reflects on multi-ethnic church, renewal, discipleship, and family.

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 Martinez's responses?
2. How does Martinez describe family in ministry?
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 Martinez'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 Martinez'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 ministry is Pablo Martinez involved in, in Los Angeles?
2. What strikes you about the way the church was planted?
3. Why has the church embraced a multi-ethnic and multi-linguistic nature and worship? How is this effecting the way the church sees itself? How is this effecting what ministries the church plant does?
4. How is Martinez and his church seeking to bridge the generational gap between first and second generation immigrants?
5. How is this church plant connecting with the cities in its area?
6. What is Martinez's vision for the future of the church?
7. How does his passion for revival inspire or challenge you?
8. How is his congregation preparing for a move of the Spirit?
9. Why is discipleship so important to mission, community, and revival?
10. How is this church plant seeking to disciple people?
11. Why is "carrying the cross" crucial for discipleship?
12. How has Christianity been watered down, and how do we embrace radical discipleship?
13. What does Martinez love the most about being a church planter and a pastor?
14. Why is it important for Christian leaders to love doing ministry with their families and spouses?
15. How can we care for our families and help them to thrive and flourish?
16. What can Hispanic and immigrant churches teach to rest of the church today?

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 our small group and church community and me, 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 multi-ethnic and multi-cultural mission and ministry? 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)