



Bruxy Cavey –

The Good News of Jesus for Seekers, Saints, and Sinners

Discussion Guide

This resource is designed to help your small group or college class discussion. It's shaped to inspire you to consider new ways to understand the issues discussed in this video. You don't need to answer all the questions. Please allow time for discussion and response.

Materials

1. Person Interviewed: Bruxy Cavey
2. Theme of Video: The Good News of Jesus for Seekers, Saints, and Sinners

Preliminary discussion

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

1. What were the major themes in this video?
2. How do those themes relate to your life and context?
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 the interviewee's theology and outlook informed and shaped by their practical ministry and context? What approaches do they take in understanding God in the context of their daily life and ministry?

Explore and apply

Explore the major themes raised in the video. Critically engage with the 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 or college class. Encourage relevant and thoughtful examples from each participant.

1. Bruxy Cavey is the author of the best-selling “End of Religion”, and he’s the Teaching Pastor of The Meeting House – one of the largest and most innovative churches in Canada. Their tagline is: “A Church for People who aren’t into Church.” Why aren’t people into church today? And, how does his church seek to be a church for those people?
2. Bruxy says that Jesus did not offer a new religion, but an intimate and liberating relationship with God that dispenses with religion. What does he mean?
3. How is religion the misguided human attempt to control and manipulate God by securing his favor?
4. Was Jesus disdainful of religion, and did he proclaim a different kind of human liberty?
5. What are the characteristics and multiple manifestations of the “religion” that afflicts all faiths of the world?
6. How did the life and teaching of Jesus offer a radical challenge to the Torahism, traditionalism, tribalism, territorialism, and Temple-centrism of his day?
7. What does Bruxy mean when he says that Jesus offered hermeneutics of charity, freedom from stultifying tradition, a deeply personal relationship with the divine, a nation-transcending love, and God’s abiding presence in communities of Christ-followers?
8. When we consider what Jesus taught and did, what does this mean for our understanding of his divine identity, and for our quest to know him?
9. What are the features of “The “Religion” God Likes”?
10. Bruxy writes that, “There is . . . an important difference between relating to God through systems of doctrines, codes of conduct, inherited traditions, or institutions of power, and relating to God directly, soul-to-soul, mind-to-mind, heart-to-heart.” What does he mean?

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 group 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 the issues discussed in this video? 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

Books:

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

Graham Hill, *Salt, Light, and a City (Second Edition): Ecclesiology for the Global Missional Community: Volume 1, Western Voices* (Cascade, 2017).