



Michael Krause –

Launching Pioneering Church Plants & Christian Leaders

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: Michael Krause
2. Theme of Video: Launching Pioneering Church Plants & Christian Leaders

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. Michael Krause was the senior pastor at Church on the Street. How did this experimental church reach out to street youth in the urban core?
2. He was also the director of Evergreen. What kind of programs did Evergreen run?
3. What does he say about pioneer Hills Church, and what kind of church was this?
4. Why is he passionate about church planting?
5. What themes and trends does he see emerging in church planting today?
6. Krause has been teaching courses with Tyndale's TIM Centre, and he oversees Tyndale's Internship Program. What are the aims and activities of these programs?
7. Why is he passionate about training diaspora leaders through the TIM Centre?
8. What themes and trends does he see emerging in diaspora ministry today?
9. Krause is passionate about alternative models of church. Why?
10. What examples does he give of alternative models of church within the greater Toronto area?
11. How can aspiring church planters research neighborhoods, and explore what creative church plants for that area might look like?

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).