



Omar Djoandy – Crossing barriers to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ

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: Omar Djoandy
2. Theme of Video: Crossing barriers to proclaim the crucified and risen Christ

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. Omar Djoeandy was born in Indonesia, and moved to Australia when he was 10. He has practiced ministry and medicine in both Australia and Kenya. What does he say about his call and journey into medicine, ministry and missions?
2. What struck you as you listened to his story about his ministry in Kenya at Nairobi Chapel and with other groups?
3. Omar has served as the National Director of SIM Australia since 2004. What is his vision and mission of SIM Australia?
4. What does his role with SIM involve?
5. What's the greatest challenge in his role, and what does he most love about his role?
6. Why is he passionate about the unreached in difficult countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, China and Thailand?
7. In his book "Redefining Success", Omar discusses how the world's definition of success is inherently enslaving. What does he mean?
8. How does Jesus radically redefine success?
9. How can Christians exchange bondage for blessings by redefining success?
10. What are the greatest challenges facing the church today?
11. What is the mission of the church? How does it pursue this mission?
12. What spiritual qualities and skills do effective missional leaders need 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 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

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