



Elisa Padilla –

Living a life of integral mission & genuine discipleship

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: Elisa Padilla
2. Theme of Video: Living a life of integral mission & genuine discipleship

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. Elisa is the executive director of the Kairos Foundation. How have these ministries evolved over time, as she has sought to serve in Latin America and globally?
2. What difficulties arise in partnerships between those in the Global North and the Global South (i.e. partnerships in community development and integral mission)?
3. Why are differences in power, finances, status and culture, less problematic for North-South partnerships than deficits in these partnerships?
4. What deficits exist in such partnerships? (e.g. lack of trust, lack of sensitivity towards others' needs, lack of willingness to not only work for the poor but to actually live with them, lack of willingness to stand back and to learn the local way of doing things, etc.).
5. Why are strong North-South partnerships not based merely on big projects and big budgets, but on deep friendships?
6. How can Western Christians best partner with Majority World Christians today, especially in integral mission?
7. How can Christians work alongside the poor, and in partnership with them? Do Christians usually do this, or is "working alongside" a different approach?
8. What spiritual qualities and ministry skills do Christians leaders need to engage in integral mission 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

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).