



## **Frank D. Macchia – Global Pentecostalism and the Spirit-Baptized Church**

### **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: Frank D. Macchia
2. Theme of Video: Global Pentecostalism and the Spirit-Baptized Church

### **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. How does Spirit baptism relate to or form Pentecostal theology and practice?
2. How do we understand Spirit baptism in trinitarian perspective?
3. What are the main features of a Spirit-baptized ecclesiology?
4. What are the marks of a Spirit-baptized church?
5. How does global Pentecostalism help us understand the Spirit and Spirit baptism?
6. What are the expressions of a Spirit-baptized life (e.g. in faith, hope, and love)?
7. What does a Pentecostal view of justification look like, especially as informed by Spirit-baptism?
8. How does the Spirit of Christ enable justification **for** us?
9. How does the Spirit of Christ enable justification **among** us?
10. Why is a theology of the Trinity important today?
11. What are the benefits of seeing God as a “communion of Persons”?
12. How does trinitarian theology help us see God as present and engaged in our lives?
13. How does a trinitarian theology help us see salvation as more than forgiveness of sins?
14. How does a trinitarian theology move toward a “life-transforming communion of divine love”?
15. How does a trinitarian theology form a full and transformed Christian life?
16. How do we talk about a Christology of Pentecost?
17. How do we understand Christ’s role as Spirit-baptizer through the stages of his life and ministry?
18. How was the Son’s mission a mission to impart the Spirit on behalf of the Father on all flesh?
19. How does Spirit baptism lead people to contribute to society?

## 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](http://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).