



Harvey Kwiyani –

Missio Africanus: Releasing the Gifts of the Global Church in Europe

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: Harvey Kwiyani
2. Theme of Video: Missio Africanus: Releasing the Gifts of the Global Church in Europe

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. What does Harvey Kwiyani say about how he came to faith and ministry?
2. What is Missio Africanus, and what does it do? <http://missioafricanus.org/>
3. Kwiyani says that Missio Africanus is important for 4 reasons. What are these?
4. How do we participate in God's missionary work in the world when the church is no longer at the center of the society and the culture is antagonistic to the Christian message?
5. How do we rethink the question of power and authority in the church's efforts to spread the Good News?
6. Why are so Western Christians often happy to work with African Christians in Africa (or Asians in Asia), while having nothing to do with the African or Asia immigrant congregation that rents their church space for its services? What does this say about power and mission?
7. How can the church do away with imperialism that shaped mission before, and assume a humble position to speak to the world and to one another, from what David Bosch called "bold humility"?
8. What needs to change so that our theologies, missiologies, and ecclesiologies can catch up with the reality of the culturally diverse world that we see in many of our western cities?
9. In the *Journal of Missional Practice*, Kwiyani lists 3 ways that the church can engage practically with mission, multiculturalism, and the immigrant church. What are these 3 ways?
10. How has African Christianity historically held and demonstrated a missionary impulse?
11. How do African missionaries engage in worldwide mission today (and especially in Europe and North America)?
12. Are there specific ways that pastors and congregational leaders can work effectively with African immigrant Christians?
13. How can African Christians better understand the current Western mission field and how to be effective missionaries in the West?
14. What does Kwiyani say about the research he did for his dissertation, and what he discovered (and what recommendations he'd make as a result of your research)? ("Pneumatology, Mission, and African Christians in Multicultural Congregations in North America: The Case of Three Congregations in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA.")

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).

Graham Hill and Grace Ji-Sun Kim. *Healing Our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World* (IVP, 2018).