



Ravi Jayakaran –

Community Development & Transformation as Participatory, Holistic, Progressive, Permanent, & God-Intended Change

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: Ravi Jayakaran
2. Theme of Video: Community Development & Transformation as Participatory, Holistic, Progressive, Permanent, & God-Intended Change

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.

Ravi Jayakaran has over three decades of experience in poverty reduction and strategic development programs.

1. What roles has he had in senior management positions in the corporate sector, with International NGOs, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and in other contexts?
2. How did these give him a passion for poverty reduction and strategic development?
3. He has developed several Participatory Poverty Alleviation and Development tools including the Holistic Worldview Analysis (HWVA). What is participatory development?
4. What is the HWVA tool, and others he has developed?
5. How do participatory tools help us 'measure what matters' in the development process?
6. How can churches and corporates and governments and NGOs address poverty through participatory learning?
7. Jayakaran says that "Community Development & Transformation is Participatory, Holistic, Progressive, Permanent, & God-Intended Change". What stories does he tell of transformation that provide lessons for us about transformation?
8. What is the Ten Seed Technique in integrated community development? How can it be used in a variety of needs assessment situations?
9. How can we encourage marginalized and vulnerable children and youth become more involved in changing their circumstances?
10. Jayakaran's book "Empowering Children" presents a variety of practical methods for engaging children in the development process – from assessments to Evaluations. What does he say about empowering children?
11. What other things does Jayakaran say that strike or challenge you?

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).