



## Purevdorj 'Puje' Jamsran –

# The growth and vitality of the church in Mongolia

### 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: Purevdorj 'Puje' Jamsran
2. Theme of Video: The growth and vitality of the church in Mongolia

## 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. After the communist regime, Mongolians are searching for their roots and identity by studying the religious rites, customs and the traditional lifestyle of their ancestors. How has this led to a rise in traditional religions including Mahayana Buddhism and Shamanism?
2. How has this searching affected the sense of spirituality and spiritual hunger in Mongolian society?
3. The church in Mongolia is one of the most rapidly growing churches in the world today. What is happening in the church in Mongolia, and why?
4. There are over 400 churches in Mongolia, but the church is asking the Lord for his help to plant many more. The goal is to have 4000 churches by 2020. When and how did the Lord put this goal on the hearts of Mongolian Christian leaders?
5. In order to reach that goal, it is estimated that the Mongolian church needs to train over 310 pastors and evangelists every year. How is the Mongolian church trying to reach this goal?
6. Jamsran is a passionate theological educator and experienced church planter. How did he come to faith? And how did he then end up in church planting and theological education?
7. What opportunities and challenges face the churches when preaching the gospel in the Mongolian context?
8. How does Jamsran's seminary train pastors with the capacity to theologise for the Mongolian culture, and the intention of creating meaning for this generation?
9. What are the greatest challenges facing the church today?
10. How can the church make disciples of Jesus?
11. How can the church activate all of God's people in mission and ministry?
12. What social and ethical issues must the church address today?
13. What is the mission of the church? How does it pursue this mission?
14. If you could say one thing to Christian leaders today, what would it be?
15. If you could say one thing to the church today, what would it be?

## 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).

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