



Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta and James Bartle –

Working together across religions to build free, just, reconciled and peaceful societies

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. People Interviewed: Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta and James Bartle
2. Theme of Video: Working together across religions to build free, just, reconciled and peaceful societies

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. Dr. Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta, teaches at a University and has served as head of the Indonesian Women's Coalition in her province—a predominantly Muslim group that seeks to empower women and children. Along with her husband, Bernie, she serves as Presbyterian Mission Co-Workers, supported in their work by PCUSA. What does she say about her work with this Women's Coalition, and also about the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS-Yogya) at Gadjah Mada University (UGM) in Yogyakarta, and also about the center she directs: the Center for Research and Community Development?
2. Farsijana has a PhD in anthropology and Indonesian studies from the Netherlands, on "Politics, Ritual and Identity in Indonesia. What did she research and why? What conclusions did she arrive at?
3. How is ritual exchange a framework for cooperation, the extension of social networks, and reconciliation?
4. What brought James Bartle to Indonesia, and how has God been using him in this context?
5. What are his areas of research and interest?
6. Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta and James Bartle are writing a book together. What is the theme of their book?
7. What topics and issues are they covering?
8. How will they structure the book, and engage in research?
9. What kinds of conclusions do they hope to arrive at?
10. How are they both seeking to open up dialogue with Indonesian Muslims?
11. What role do retreats play in this?
12. What social and ethical issues must the Indonesian church address today?
13. What can Western churches learn from Indonesian churches and faith?

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

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).