



John Bond –

Apostolic Ministry: Multiplying and Releasing the Next Generation of Leaders

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: John Bond
2. Theme of Video: Apostolic Ministry: Multiplying and Releasing the Next Generation of Leaders

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. John Bond has almost 50 years of ministry experience, including 40 years in local church Pastoral Ministry, and 9 years as an itinerant. What does he say about his call into ministry, and how that has unfolded over these decades?
2. John's passion is for Apostolic Ministry and doing the work of an Evangelist with a focus on Church Planting Movement leaders. What does he say about that passion and how it is outworked in his life and ministry?
3. John's international ministry has taken him to 600+ churches of many persuasions, 100's of Christian and secular organisations, and over 30+ other countries throughout the World. What does he most love about this ministry?
4. What have been the highlights of this ministry for him?
5. Currently, John are the Director of Church Planting and Leadership for Sonlife Ministries, and the Asia & South East Pacific World Zone leader of Dynamic Church Planting International? What do those roles involve?
6. John has trained 1,000's of church planters, and 10's of 1000's of churches have been planted or are being influenced through John's apostolic ministry. Why is he passionate about training church planters?
7. What does John say about succession and passing on the baton?
8. What kind of training and support do church planters need?
9. What is God doing in the world through church planting today?

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).