



## **Terry Casiño –**

# **People movements around the world, and the future of Christianity**

### **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: Terry Casiño
2. Theme of Video: People movements around the world, and the future of Christianity

## **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. Terry is professor of missiology, and also involved in a range of international bodies. What does he say about his teaching roles, and also his broader roles in Asia and globally?
2. Terry says that “diaspora missiology is shaping world Christianity, local churches, denominations, missions, theological trajectories, and church planting movements.” What is diaspora missiology?
3. What is the extent of people movements around the world today?
4. What causes people to move?
5. What roles do environmental factors, political oppression, religious and ethnic persecution play, and economic and lifestyle hopes play?
6. What are some of the basic theological considerations (and biblical themes) for global diaspora?
7. How does people’s mobility advance the gospel?
8. How has the current movement of people groups around the world has challenged the church worldwide to reflect afresh on church, mission, service, and the holistic actions required to meet the challenge of the vast needs and opportunities presented by this huge movement of people?
9. How can the church begin to articulate faith and the Gospel in the liminal space that so many migrants, refugees, international students and people crossing national borders occupy within societies?
10. How can our churches, mission agencies, and theological institutions engage with the diaspora (people on the move) in our communities?
11. How do these people groups call these parts of the life of the church to change and renewal?
12. How is global diaspora a call to missional urgency, an opportunity for renewal, and a divine appointment?
13. How does global diaspora reshape traditional western missiology?
14. How do we view diaspora eschatologically?

## 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 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).