



## **Darrell Jackson –**

# **Mission shaped by love of God & neighbour, & by life renewed by the Holy Spirit**

### **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: Darrell Jackson
2. Theme of Video: Mission shaped by love of God & neighbour, & by life renewed by the Holy Spirit

## **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. Does mission begin with the church, or does it begin somewhere else?
2. What happens when the church believes it has a mission in the world, but doesn't understand that its primary mission is to join with God in his mission?
3. How does the church secularize our mission?
4. There's been some debate around the relationship between social justice and evangelism. What do you make of that debate, and how should we frame the issues?
5. What are the range of ways mission is fulfilled?
6. How can the church get better at equipping and releasing all God's people to mission?
7. We're living in a rapidly changing culture, and the church often seems at sea in this environment. What do you see as the great missional challenges of our age? (i.e. Some of the internal and external challenges for us to grapple with, in order to engage in mission today)
8. What does it mean to see mission and gospel as gift?
9. What does this vision of gift and gift-giving do to our mission?
10. How do you see World Christianity contributing to the renewal of theology, church and mission in the West, and beyond the West?
11. What kind of creative conversation would you put the "Lausanne 2010 Cape Town Commitment" and the "2013 World Council of Churches Mission Statement" into (e.g. one being trinitarian in focus, and the other, from the Majority World, being more pneumatologically focused)?
12. How does the Western way of doing theology (often privileging rationale discourse, linear arguments, etc.) need to be informed by how theology is done in other parts of the world (narrative discourse, experiential influence, etc.)?
13. In the light of the global reality, what are some of the cross-cultural skills that are needed today?
14. How do we pay more attention to theologies of ethnicity and theologies of culture in the academic/theological world?
15. How do global diasporas affect the way we see and do mission today?
16. If you could say one thing to Christian leaders today, what would it be?
17. If you could say one thing to the church (more broadly) 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 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).