



Hyun Mo (Tim) Lee –

Shining the light of the gospel in Asia today

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: Hyun Mo (Tim) Lee
2. Theme of Video: Shining the light of the gospel in Asia today

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 Lee is professor of missiology at the Korea Baptist Theological University and Seminary. What does he say about his there, and further afield?
2. Dr Lee says that Asia is the least evangelized continent. Can you explain the situation, and why this is so?
3. What barriers do Eastern religions pose to Christianity?
4. How is indigenous Asia a totally different soil to the West, thereby ensuring that the triumphalism of Western mission simply did not work?
5. Dr Lee says that Asians believe that real truth must be esoteric and unexplainable; inscrutable by human knowledge. What does this mean for Christian faith and mission in Asia?
6. How do we balance the need for contextualization and the dangers of syncretism, in Asia?
7. How does the Christian view of God (and our knowledge of him) compare and contrast with the Buddhist view of Ultimate Reality (and union with it through contemplation)?
8. How do Buddhists view the Christian promise of "eternal life"?
9. What is the difference between the Christian and the Buddhist view of suffering?
10. What parts of the Christian faith and its theology are able to connect with Buddhists and their view of the world?
11. What are the four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold Path, and how does a life dedicated to these connect with Buddhists?
12. How is the credibility of the life of the messenger determinative of the credibility of the delivered message, in the East?
13. Let's switch to Dr Lee's thoughts about theological education in Asia. What problems exist in theological education in Asia today?
14. How does a missiological approach to theological education enliven and enrich such education in Asia, and the churches and leaders that result?
15. What are the key features of a missiological approach to theological education?
16. What are the greatest challenges facing the church in Asia today?
17. How can the Asian church make disciples of Jesus?
18. How can the church activate all of God's people in mission and ministry?
19. What social and ethical issues must the Asian church address today?
20. What can Western churches learn from Asian churches?
21. What is the mission of the church? How does it pursue this mission?
22. How can the church renew its theology and mission?

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).