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Title: Hearing the Voice of Nepal's Church

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: Grishma Parajuli
2. Theme of Video: Hearing the Voice of Nepal's Church

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. Grishma Parajuli is the pastor of Nayagaun Church, Nepal. The church has grown quickly and planted many churches since 1987. How does he tell the story of how this church was started, and of its growth and planting?
2. His church also had the vision to establish an initiative to train leaders and potential leaders from many local churches who wouldn't ordinarily have been able to afford any kind of formal training – Leadership Education And Development (LEAD Nepal). What does he say about LEAD Nepal?
3. The growth rate of the church in Nepal is high but there are very few trained leaders. What areas of training does LEAD Nepal equip leaders in?
4. How many leaders have been through the training?
5. What's his vision for this training?
6. How did the people and churches of Nepal suffer after the 2015 earthquake? How many lives were lost, and buildings damaged or destroyed?
7. How did churches and NGOs work together in immediate response to this disaster?
8. How have these groups worked together for the longer-term in disaster relief, providing medicines and shelters, and rebuilding homes and lives?
9. How did the 2015 earthquake and the church's response contribute to a positive view of Christianity?
10. Nepal has one of the world's fastest-growing Christian populations. What are some of the reasons for this?
11. Do women and those from lower castes see Christianity as a way to better lives?
12. How do Christians seek to be peacemakers and witnesses for Jesus, in a country where they are a minority and where some pro-Hindu groups are unhappy with them?
13. How do Christians serve the poor and unemployed?
14. How are churches cooperating together in worship and witness?
15. How does prayer contribute to the growth and vibrancy of the Nepalese church?

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).