



imagine

how we can reach the UK

Film Discussion Guide

You can use these questions whether you watch the film in one sitting or in two parts. Just select the questions you would find most stimulating for your situation.

Session 1

Film Part 1: Living as a Christian in today's world

1. How much do you identify with the sense of bewilderment that Mark says many people feel about the challenges of living in the UK today?
2. How real can we be with each other about the issues we face and about the challenges of living as a Christian in today's world?
3. In your own situation or church what evidence do you see of a sacred secular divide?
4. To what extent do you feel yourself to be an FTCW – a full time Christian worker – briefed, trained, resourced and supported to live and share the good news of Jesus in your everyday context?
5. Mark reflects on the scope of God's interest in us shown through creation and through God's plan in Christ to bring about a renewal of all things. How have these reflections affected your understanding of the character and purposes of God?
6. What has impacted you most from part 1 of the film, and how might you respond?

Before the next session

You might like to read the magazine, *Imagine how we can reach the UK*, available from LICC (tel. 020 7399 9555 or online www.licc.org.uk/bookshop).

Or try the questionnaire from the DVD-ROM, *Issues you're facing in today's world*.

Session 2

Film Part 2: The whole-life disciple-making church

A disciple of Jesus is someone who tries to live all their life in a Jesus way. A disciple isn't just a missionary or a witness ... a disciple is an active, intentional learner, a practitioner, a doer of the Word not just a student. A disciple is accountable to someone who knows them and helps them grow and live. A disciple is an apprentice.

1. How helpful do you find this description of a follower of Jesus?
2. To what extent are you intentionally helping each other learn to be apprentices together?
3. In what ways do the things you do in your church or group help each other grow in your ability to live **all of life** before God?
4. Does the story from Brookside Community Church (where they changed their church business meeting) spark any ideas about how could you affirm people in their different roles and be involved together in God's purposes in the wider world?
5. Thinking about the story of Agnes and Alan, can you be an 'Agnes' to someone – spurring someone on to love and good works? Can you find an 'Alan' to encourage along the way?
6. What has impacted you most from part 2 of the film, and how might you respond?

Before the next session

You might like to read the magazine, *Let My People Grow*, available from LICC (tel. 020 7399 9555 or online www.licc.org.uk/bookshop).

Or try the questionnaire from the DVD-ROM, *How whole-life is your church?*

After these two sessions you may find that you need more time together to talk about the ideas in the film and what they might mean for your group or church. And if you've read the magazines or completed the questionnaires you might appreciate the opportunity to discuss your findings together. Perhaps you could meet to do this using the questions in Session 3.

Session 3

Changing culture, changing values

A disciple-making church is more than a community trained to reach out in mission to people, and it's more than a church with successful programmes. A disciple-making church is a community committed to growing in faith and life and mission. It's a community learning to live the Gospel wherever they are, whatever they do. It's a community learning to be apprentices together, developing purposeful, caring, persevering relationships that train, resource and support each other in all areas of our lives.

1. What have you learnt about the issues people face in your group or church? (You may want to review your thoughts from session 1 or from the 'Issues facing Christians in today's world' questionnaire)
2. How whole-life is your church? (You may want to review your responses to the questionnaire 'How whole-life is your church?')
3. How do you approach disciple-making in your church? To what extent is it central? To what extent does it reflect the two values described in the film of being 'whole-life embracing' and 'all apprenticing together'?
4. What implications might this film have for your group or church?
5. Are there some small steps that you might be able to take towards becoming a whole-life disciple-making church? (You might want to look at the suggestions in '20 small steps towards whole-life apprenticeship' available on the DVD-ROM.)