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Title: *Leadership Hope for a Secular Age*
40 Minutes

TEAM DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Q1: "Quebec is the place where all of our evangelistic ideas go to die." The things that God has used in the past are now to be celebrated, but now God is doing new things. In your context, what evangelistic ideas and models are dying or dead? What does God seem to be showing you that is new?

Q2: Leaders need to be learners like never before. What does a disciple-centric understanding of leadership look like in your context?

"Rarely do we find men/women who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is an almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Q3: What intentional hard, solid thinking is your team engaged in?

"The fundamental missionary (leadership) mindset of the future, will be those that learn how to lead in a context where they do not get a say." - Andrew Walls

Q4: We have lived in a culture where our general Christian values were embodied in government institutions and society. As we move into an era where western society moves further away from these values, how does our approach to ministry, evangelism, and engagement with the community change?

Q5: Our older definitions of 'secular' culture were not entirely correct. What are some signs you see of people showing renewed interest in spiritual matters, curiosity about the paranormal and openness to mystery and wonder? What does that mean for how we engage people with the power of Jesus' gospel?

Q6: A leading scholar observed that in the Christian tradition, 'Hope is a discipline', not just a feeling. What can we learn from our global sisters and brothers who have modelled this truth? What are signs of disciplined hope?



ACTION STEPS

Paying attention to words of culture, what are you hearing? As a team, what areas do you need to be growing in to better understand the culture you are sharing Jesus with?

Jesus often called his followers to see that God was doing the unexpected. His parables and His ministry were about the hope that God was still among them even as their old paradigms were shifting. How might you teach this in your congregation? How can future leaders help people grieve what is associated with change, while also reframing our present situation as a great season of opportunity for the church?