



Jesus & Inclusion

1. If you could ask Jesus just one question, what would it be?
What do you think his response would be?
2. Are there sections of our society who you'd say are squeezed out or under-represented in church life today?
If so, why do you think this is?
What can be done to address this?
3. 'To be truly inclusive, the kingdom must exclude exclusive people; to be truly reconciling, the kingdom must not reconcile with those who refuse reconciliation; to achieve its purpose of gathering people, it must not gather those who scatter. The kingdom of God has a purpose, and that purpose isn't everyone's cup of tea.'
Brian McLaren
What do you make of this quote?
To what extent do 'exclusive' people exclude themselves from the kingdom of God?
4. Can you share some examples of the kinds of questions you think are particularly good at opening up conversations with people?
What are the qualities of being a good listener?
How might we need to re-learn these skills in light of our covid experience?
5. How might we strike the right balance between inclusion & transformation as followers of Jesus?