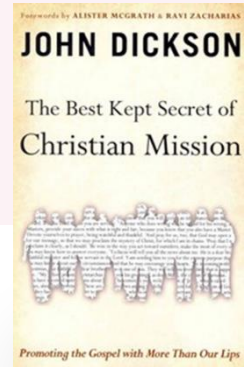




PARTICIPANT GUIDE

THE BEST KEPT SECRET OF CHRISTIAN MISSION BY JOHN DICKSON



"But perhaps the best kept secret of Christian mission is that the Bible lists a whole range of activities that promote Christ to the world and draw others toward Him."

JOHN DICKSON



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Q. What is *The Best kept secret of Christian Mission*?

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Q. Why do you believe it's important to share the Gospel with others?

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Q. John says, "We are the means by which, through God's Spirit, others hear the call to 'come home' to the Father. We are Christ's photos" (p59).

As we examine our hearts, behaviours, attitudes, and role modelling, do you believe that the image you portray to the world radiates Jesus?

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Q. "If the fundamental gospel promoting activity is hidden from us, it's clear, that involvement of God's mission requires more faith than activism, dependence more than programs, and humility more than boldness" (p75). How do you think we, as the Church, execute this?

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Q. Before reading this book, did you realise the importance and impact your financial assistance has in promoting the Gospel? If you do not yet financially support the Gospel, why might it be worth considering?

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Q. John reminds us that it is crucial to quickly and effectively share the 'Gospel Story'. What are some key points to include while sharing the Gospel with others?

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Q. John discusses four common characteristics of Evangelists (p150-152). Do you see any of these traits in yourself?

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Q. Often, when we share our faith, we can find ourselves fearful of saying or doing the wrong thing. John reminds us, "... Don't rush off to find an evangelist! Say what you know about the life, death and resurrection" (p177). Have you ever felt that God should have chosen someone else to share His story, maybe someone more 'charismatic' or 'qualified' than yourself?

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Q. 'God Talk' (p182) is brief, casual, passing references to the faith in everyday conversations. What God talk have you added into your conversations with non-Christians since reading this book?

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Q. Out of the following, which Gospel Promoting activity do you feel led to pursue?

- Flexible Social Relationships
- Financial Support of the Gospel
- Prayer
- Good works

