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## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 1 (Chapters 1 & 2)

How much do you think class is an issue in Britain today?

How would you describe yourself when it comes to class?

What is the majority culture in your church?

Do you think it matters if all classes are represented in our churches?

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## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 2 (Chapter 3)

In what ways was the pandemic a leveller and in which ways did it expose inequalities?

Which areas of my life require faith at the moment?

What are some of the great faith stories that stick in your mind?

How can you deliberately stretch your faith in the next few weeks?

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## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 3 (Chapter 4)

Have you ever made a judgment about someone because of their accent or appearance?

Have you given special attention to the well-dressed, confident visitor to your church, but ignored the unkempt person who crept in at the back?

Are you prepared to learn the 'language' and the values of people who are a different class to you?

Are you willing to change your mind-set and question your values so you can better understand and connect with different people?

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## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 4 (Chapter 5)

Describe what hospitality looks like for you.

What makes you feel welcomed and comfortable:

- a) at a church meeting
- b) in someone else's home?

Do you have a wide range of friends from different class backgrounds?

How might you adapt your expression of hospitality to welcome in others?

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## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 5 (Chapter 6)

Can you think of a time when someone was incredibly generous to you? What was it like?

Do you think it's always wise stewardship to save?

What do you think about giving away all your money?  
What advice would you give to a Christian friend if they told you God had told them to give all of their money away?

Should the better off in our churches support those on benefits or low wages so that no one goes without?

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## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 6 (Chapters 7 & 8)

How do you define community? Has this changed over the years?

Is your church a community where people from all backgrounds can find love, acceptance, dignity and friendship?

How do you feel when an authority figure walks into the room? (E.g. police officer, head teacher, chief executive, council leader, member of Parliament, church leader, etc.)

If we want to be effective in reaching working class communities who may feel there is an 'us' and 'them' culture, what can we change so that we're not seen as 'them'?

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## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 7 (Chapters 9 & 10)

What are some of the internal (value) differences between people who are working class and those who are middle class?

Do you think you are mostly motivated in your decisions in life by the need to survive or a sense of purpose?

Do you value people based on what they do for a living and their 'success' and achievements?

When you read Isaiah 61, what do you think it means for God to transform people into rebuilders, restorers and renewers?

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## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 8 (Chapters 11 - 13)

How would you need to change your church meetings to ensure they are accessible to all?

How can we help people to find their place in church life when they are different to the majority?

Are you willing to be led by someone like Tommy Medhurst whose “want of education” and standard of spoken English left something to be desired?

What do we need to do differently to raise up leaders from working class backgrounds?

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## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 9 (Conclusion)

Do you really want your church to be diverse, even if it's costly?

What practical steps can you take to bring down any 'dividing walls of hostility' between different groups of people in the church?

What changes do you need to make to ensure people in your church are disciplined to become more like Jesus, not more like the majority?

Spend some time reflecting on the beautiful diversity and unity that will exist when we are all worshipping Jesus together with no visible or invisible divides.