

School of Theology - Follow Up Discussion Questions

1. What has stayed with you from the session: something that's still turning over in your mind?
2. Tom described the prophets as "speaking truth to power." Can you think of a moment in your own life (however small) where you felt compelled to speak up about something that wasn't right? What made it hard? What gave you the courage?
3. Jeremiah bought a field while Jerusalem was under siege - a costly, counterintuitive act of hope. What would it look like in your own context to make a similarly defiant gesture of hope in the face of something that looks hopeless?
4. The prophets spoke about idolatry, immorality, and injustice as one diagnosis rather than separate concerns. Do you think your church tends to prioritise one of these over the others? What might a more integrated approach look like in practice?
5. Jacob suggested that dependency, receptivity, and reliance on God are *positive* features of being human not weaknesses to overcome. Does that feel liberating or uncomfortable? What in our culture, or in church culture, works against that?
6. Jacob spoke about the Western church's tendency to treat the Holy Spirit as an add-on - better defined by what the Spirit does than who the Spirit is. What would it mean for your personal prayer life if you took the Spirit's personhood more seriously?
7. We touched on the idea that the Spirit brings order out of chaos: in creation, in salvation, and in the church. Where in your life, or in the life of your church, do you most need that kind of ordering work right now?

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8. Pray together.