

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Intellectual Church

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Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the importance of not just “talking amongst ourselves” as Christians. In thinking of your own ministry, assess the degree to which that happens. Whom might you already have outside the church you could begin to dialogue with?
2. Make a list of Christian intellectuals, such as John G. Stackhouse Jr., whom you would like to follow and support. You might review the list of faculty members at a Christian university to find them.
3. Consider how Christians speaking the language of the academics will bring credibility to godly viewpoints, ultimately influencing cultural change. How can you identify and encourage Christian youths with potential to pursue higher education to do so? Is there a more active role your ministry could play?
4. Encourage authentic, deep thinking about faith. If you don’t already have one, establish a support system in your organization for those who want to explore faith and mission more deeply.
5. Support Christian intellectuals by passing their thoughts on to those you influence.