Session 05.01 – Following Christ in Public Life

Lab: When Values are Tested: Following Christ in Public Life
Date: October 6, 2026
Room: Buna
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Approximate number of participants:15

1. Purpose of today's session

What should today's session achieve?

Deal with division in the Church and how to respond to accusations, false reports and difficult topics.

2. What we learned

When we put our values first and apply them to our issues, we can begin to see a more Christ like way to deal with the challenges.

3. Our proposed response

Participants learned to workshop their issues by applying priority values to them, mapping out pressures, looking at good practices that lifted up the values versus opinions, and then searching for good values-based resources to help address issues.

4. Three concrete commitments

1. Put values first when dealing with these challenges
2. Highlight good practices
3. Look for resources that align with values versus polarized viewpoints