**Discussion Questions**

**to support the film**

***TOGETHER – a journey of neighbourhood conversations***

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Questions for reflection are provided below, in two sets:

* our responses the film
* our responses to our own new experience of applying the SALT process.

GLoCon and TOGETHER are not ‘interesting information’. Instead they invite each of to change personally and to take action within whatever context we each are located.

**1. Applying in our context**

***Zambia:*** How does the concern expressed for one person (ie Langson) influence care and prevention in the whole community? Community here is a gathering of multiple villages, as the headman called his fellow headman together.

***China:*** How does the change in Zhu’s situation affect his family? Everyone in his village has seen his progress. What about other families in his village that are facing a similar challenge? What do SALT conversations stir up in this context?

***USA:*** The neighbourhood is fragile and also full of people who build a sense of community in their own ways. How can SALT conversations help a neighbourhood to be more functional? For example, more interconnected, mutually supportive, able to address concerns together. Where could these conversations lead?

***India:*** How do organisations adapt? The organisation (Salvation Army) has adapted repeatedly since the early days of HIV response in Mizoram.

 ***First:*** They began with a program base with a drop-in centre for addicts to have wound care. They gave direct care and support to people living with HIV and AIDS in homes around the city of Aizawl.

 ***Then:*** They influenced neighbourhoods (areas of the city called localities) to respond in support of their own residents who were struggling with addiction, seeking to recover, returning home from detox centres.

 ***Later:*** Increasingly the Salvation Army team became facilitators of transfer from one locality to another, including to areas outside of the city. Over time all the churches became involved, and most localities developed a response. Dinthar locality was one of the first to respond, and has maintained a Joint Action Committee for over 25 years.

 ***Now:*** The Salvation Army continues to have a hands-on involvement in the issues of addiction and HIV through drop-in and outreach interactions. They have a strong voice in the state and in India for advocacy.

What is the pattern of adaptation here?

How can we apply in our context?

**2. After trying SALT yourself**

How do we develop a lifestyle of community engagement as part of leadership in faith, health and development?

How can people in centres, whether health or church or other community programme, facilitate response in the neighbourhood? Who starts?

How can SALT teams form in our settings?

How can SALT encounters illuminate or bring people closer to recognising the presence of God?

How do we learn to ‘read’ our neighbourhoods, in their patterns of strengths and responses, as well as challenges?

How do our program strategies adapt to a changing local community situation?

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