

# THE WORLD REBOOTED

THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN BUILDING BACK BETTER

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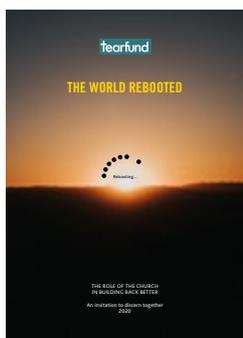
In the midst of the current coronavirus crisis, many are beginning to wonder what life might look like afterwards - might this even be a chance to create a new normal? For many years, Tearfund has walked alongside communities around the world as they respond to disasters, helping them to recover, and become more resilient in the future.

We now each face a similar opportunity: how can we 'build back better', and what is the church's role?

In this guide we invite you, your family, your church and your community to explore how we will all play our part in shaping this big reboot of our society and economy.

So, have a read of the guide and then gather some people - whether it's a few friends on zoom, your homegroup or those you're isolating with to begin the conversation!

We would love to hear how you find it, and are more than happy to help you prepare. Email us at [campaigns@tearfund.org](mailto:campaigns@tearfund.org) with your questions, or to let us know how your discussion went. You can also find us on twitter @TearfundAct and on facebook in our Tearfund Campaigners group.



This group guide has been inspired by a recent paper by Tearfund, which you can read [here](#).

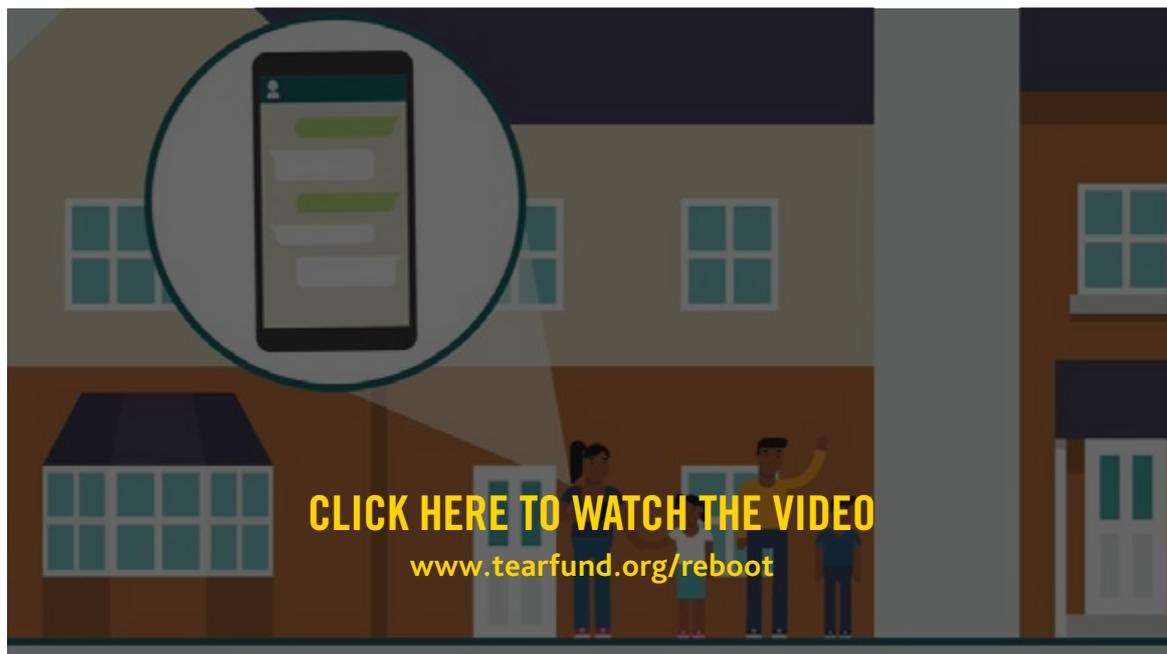
## STEP 1: TOUCH BASE AND SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Lots of people have said: "We're all in the same storm, but we're not all in the same boat." We've all experienced this time differently and it's important to recognise that and share those experiences. In your group, spend time answering the questions below. Make sure everyone has the chance to share their thoughts and experience.

- How have you experienced this crisis?
- What have you found hardest?
- Where have you found new joy amidst the crisis?
- What have you learned about the world and your community during this time?

After you've finished discussing all the questions, watch the video below together. It might work for one of you to share your screen, or to share the link to the video with everyone and all watch it before coming back together.

## STEP 2: WATCH THE VIDEO



## STEP 3: FINAL DISCUSSION AND TIME TO DREAM!

Now you've watched the video, come back together as a group and discuss these final four questions.

- Where have you seen each of these three shifts in society, here or around the world? (greater togetherness, valuing life more than productivity, and a greater imagination)
- What do you hope the 'new normal' for society will be like? What things do you hope change as a result of this time? Locally, nationally and globally?
- What part do you think you and your church can play in reshaping society?
- Finally, considering how we have mobilised as a Church and as nations in recent months, how do you think we could respond to the climate crisis - the greatest threat to life on earth that we currently know - with the same urgency as this pandemic?

## STEP 4: PRAY

After you've finished discussing these - having hopefully got excited about dreaming of a better world and scheming how you might play your part - take some time to pray. You can do that all together or pair off and pray on the phone. Pray for people living in poverty at greatest risk from the pandemic, for each other as you adapt to these unprecedented times, and for global leaders as they navigate the way forward.

## THANK YOU!

We hope you really enjoyed this session thinking about the possibility of a world rebooted. We would love to hear what you discuss and the conversations that continue as a result of your time together today!

Please do connect with us and continue the conversation:

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