



Discussion Questions for Untracked

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PREFACE QUESTIONS

Am I among those being written to?

Where would I place myself?

What do you long to accomplish before you die?

HOLMSY

1. Our first mentors are powerful influencers. Do you have memories of people who set the course of your life?
2. Did they set it positively or negatively?
3. How does it impact you today?
4. Do you learn best by command or example?

DO TO OTHERS... THIRD GRADE AND A BAD HAIR DAY

1. Are there people in your life who have given you pictures of God by the way they've lived and acted?

2. Can you name times you have needed someone to treat you with love when you were "acting out"?

300-POUND JESUS

1. Does the Jesus you have been shown live within "the sound of church and chapel bell" or does he "run a rescue shop with in a yard of hell"?

WISDOM IS KNOWN BY HER CHILDREN

1. What labels would the church today give Jesus and John the Baptist if they came to us disguised with different names?
2. Do you think the converts we make today are different than those the Pharisee's made? Explain.
3. If wisdom is known by it's children, are the children of our religion the same as those produced by Jesus or John? Why or why not?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH REALLY NOTORIOUS, DISREPUTABLE SINNERS?

1. Would you want your children to choose the kind of friends Jesus chose if you lived in his day? Explain.
2. Who do you think falls into the category of not just sinners but SINNERS today?
3. What do you think of Jesus saying that these really bad sinners were going to make it to heaven before the religious leaders?

ETERNAL LIFE?

1. Do you have any theology that distances you from real life?
2. Which is most important: Getting our beliefs right or living out our love for God in someone's life? Why?
3. Why do you think Jesus used a Samaritan as his example in this story?

NICE AND GOOD ARE NOT THE SAME

1. Can you name times when Jesus wasn't very nice?
2. Do you like Jesus when you hear the "not very nice" stories about Him? Why or why not?
3. How do you think Jesus would act if he lived today among us?
4. Do you think this distinction between good and nice is necessary?

ADJUSTMENTS

1. What do you think of the Arthur Schopenhauer quote?
2. Can you name truths that you have watched go through these stages in your lifetime? How about the last century? Throughout history?

CHICKEN? ...OR EGG?

1. In Christianity today which comes first: The institution or the people?
2. Do we worry more about the state of the institution or the state of the people all around us?

HOW IS CHRISTIANITY INFLUENCED BY CAPITALISM?

1. Are we doing a good job of expressing the invisible God in our culture?
2. Do you think capitalism has influenced the church? Why or why not?
3. What makes a church successful in your eyes? What do you want to see before you will attend?
4. Is the institution we know selfish or selfless? Explain.

TRUST

1. Where is your trust level? In Government? In large Corporations? In Religious institutions?
2. What changes do you think are needed for trust to return?
3. Do you think we can selflessly love the world with our current structures? Why or why not?

PART 4: PERCIPIENCE, PERSPICACITY, PERSPICUITY, AND PROFUNDITY

LISTEN TO THE GRACE WRITERS

1. Can you name things in your life you need saving from?
2. Do those things rob you of reaching your potential? Explain.
3. Would you like to be saved?
4. Would you like to help others be saved?
5. Who are the grace writers in your life?
6. Are you a grace writer?

NO REGRETS

1. Do you believe you can make a difference for good in this world?
2. Have you followed a path that gives you energy? Explain.
3. Are there any regrets you would have if you died today?
4. What changes can you begin to make to become regret free?

LIVE TO GIVE BUT DON'T LET IT BE TAKEN FROM YOU

1. Are you giving your life away sustainably?
2. What do you think of Jesus saying “no one takes it from me”?
3. Is this something we need to apply to our lives?

LONGINGS

1. Do you have any “community” longings? What are they?
2. Do you think they could be God’s call to you?

EXPERTS

1. What areas interest you and keep you awake thinking about them?
2. How have you changed over time in those areas?
3. Are you taking your expertise seriously enough to be the hands and feet and eyes and ears of God in it?

NICKELS AND NOSES

1. Do you think people will give to what they treasure?
2. Do you think people might leave the institution of church because it doesn't treasure the same things they do?
3. What do you treasure? Where is your heart? What would you give to and love it?

PART 5: WHERE IS GOOGLE MAPS WHEN I NEED IT?

STILL BURNING

1. Think and talk through this chapter point by point.
2. If you think change is needed, come up with a plan of action.

SIMPLICITY

1. I have attempted, in four points, to write down what I think God hoped to accomplish when He gave us Jesus. What do you think?
2. Do you think we need to start over?

STARTING OVER

1. Has cultural power corrupted what Jesus came to accomplish?
2. Think and talk through what would be important to us if we had no national power or cultural control.
3. What kind of structures would we put in place to share the love of God with others?

UNTRACKED ERA

1. Have you ever had thoughts or doubts that you didn't express because you were afraid of the reactions of others?
2. What do you think of the pace of change that we are seeing today?
3. Does it feel out of control? Safe?

SUNRISE VISTA

1. What is your inside response to the "vision" in this chapter?
2. Does joining Jesus in what he is doing appeal to you?

DON'T LOOK BACK

1. Do our structures hinder us from following Jesus? Or help us? Explain.

2. Has the emphasis on our authority being “Only Scripture” made us consumers of preaching, hindering us from the simplicity of following him?

THE SPIRIT OF THE PIONEER

1. What do you see in the world around you that is representative of the nature of God?

A NEW TRAIL GUIDE

1. Would the human spirit of Jesus be a good authority to follow? Why or why not?
2. What would be different if we chose this authority instead of our interpretation of Scripture?

NEW TRAINING FOR NEW TERRAIN

1. What do you think of the author's view of the practice of the early church?
2. What difference do you think it would make in the world if our structures encouraged this?
3. What would those structures look like?

REFURBISHING OLD HIKING BOOTS

1. What are your thoughts about this chapter?
2. Do the figures astound you?
3. Could we resource making the world more like Heaven? How?

MENTAL PREPARATION

1. What changes in our giving will take place if we take this chapter to heart?

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER: "NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION"

1. Talk about times when your design was perfectly fitted to meet another's need.
2. Do you ever feel like your story is part of a bigger one?

HONING IT DOWN

1. Talk through this chapter point by point. Are there things you would add? Subtract?
2. Work together with others if you think it needs changes and please converse with the author who longs to be a part of the discussion.

EPILOGUE

1. Who do you think founded Christianity?

2. What does that mean to us as we follow Jesus?

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