

Completely His

Loving Jesus Without Limits

Questions for Group Discussion

Chapter 1 - My “Burning Bush” Experience

1. What inspired you to begin reading this book? What are you hoping to gain from it, and why?
2. Is “Loving Jesus Without Limits” something that comes naturally to you? Do you believe you are “Completely His?” Why or why not?
3. Have you had your own “burning bush” experience, or a special time when God revealed Himself to you in an extraordinary way? If so, share that with the group.
4. Have you ever viewed Jesus as your Heavenly Bridegroom? Do you view yourself as the bride of Christ? Why or why not?

Chapter 2 - Glimpses of a Loving God

1. What has your view of God been in the past? What was this view based on? Was it an accurate view? Why or why not?
2. How do you currently view God? Give a few descriptive words or analogies that describe the God you currently serve. Do you believe this is an accurate view? Why or why not?
3. What things in earthly nature or human nature remind you of God’s character? What part of God’s wonderful world speaks to you most about what a masterful artist He is?
4. When you read the Bible, do you view it as God’s love letter to you? Do you recognize how He woos and pursues His people into a love relationship with Him? Why or why not?
5. Do you have a favorite passage of scripture that speaks directly to your heart? Or is there a biblical character in the Old or New Testament that you strongly identify with? If so, share about what makes that passage or person so appealing to you.

Chapter 3 - An Extraordinary Proposal

1. As you have taken Communion in the past, have you ever realized that the cup is actually Jesus' spiritual marriage proposal to you? If not, how does this change your view of what it means to drink from the cup during the Lord's Supper? What will you be thinking the next time you take Communion?
2. Do you identify with the unfaithful bride, Gomer? If so, how? In what ways does Hosea's relationship with Gomer illustrate God's relationship to us?
3. What is your opinion of the bride price that Jesus paid to claim you as His spiritual bride? Was the blood He shed on the cross for you enough to cleanse you completely? Do you see yourself as His bride without spot or blemish? Why or why not?
4. Do you fully believe that the righteousness Christ has clothed us in is sufficient preparation for the wedding supper of the Lamb? Is there anything we need to add to His provision of righteousness to gain entrance into Heaven, or is a relationship with Christ all we need?
5. Have you ever been told that the "bride of Christ" analogy is only applicable to the Jews? If so, how has reading this chapter changed your thinking? Do you recognize that Christ views the entire church and all believers as His beloved bride? Do you include yourself in this group, knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus is extending an intimate spiritual marriage proposal to you?

Chapter 4 - The Response He Longs to Receive

1. What does the concept of "dying to yourself" mean to you? Is this something you've ever struggled to do? If so, how?
2. How is it possible that we can be crucified *with* Christ? How does being crucified with Christ allow us to live more fully *in* Christ?
3. How does it make you feel when you sense God correcting you? Do you beat yourself up, or do you delight in the fact that God loves you enough to discipline you? Explain your answer.
4. What consequences do we suffer if we fail to die to ourselves when God attempts to lovingly discipline us? What consequences do we enjoy if we embrace God's discipline and give Him the response He longs to receive – humility and repentance?
5. What does the concept of "unbroken fellowship with God" mean to you? Is this something you long to experience? If something is holding you back from this experience, what might it be and how can that barrier to intimacy with Christ be overcome?

Chapter 5 - Forsaking All Others

1. What forms of false fulfillment have you looked to in the past to medicate your emotional pain or make you feel better about yourself? How did that work for you?
2. Are there “presence imposters” that you’ve at times mistaken for God Himself (i.e. Bible study, prayer, worship, service, etc.) when you were really experiencing these things apart from intimacy with Christ? If so, how did you fall into this trap? What was the result?
3. Is “burn out” something you’ve struggled with in the past, or something that you’re currently facing? How have these times of spiritual dryness correlated to the level of intimacy you were experiencing with Christ? Do you believe there’s any connection between burn out and spiritual intimacy?
4. What would you say is your motive behind your relationship with God? To bless Him, or to be blessed by Him? If you thought He’d never do a single thing for you ever again, would you still consider Him worthy of your whole heart?
5. Has there ever been a time in your life that you had more of a “bridle love” for Christ than a “bridal love?” What have you learned about the difference between the two? How can you cultivate more of a “bridal love” for your Heavenly Bridegroom?

Chapter 6 - Becoming Fluent in the Language of Love

1. What is the most intimate time of worship you’ve ever experienced? Has there ever been a moment when you knew beyond a doubt that God was with you and was delighted to have you in His presence?
2. Why do we need to worship God? What does He gain from it? What do we gain from it?
3. What things hinder your regular, intimate times of worship? How can those hindrances be overcome? Are the benefits worth the time, energy, and focus required to go before the Lord in worship?
4. What acts of obedience are you currently engaged in to demonstrate your love to Christ?
5. Is “basking in the Lord’s presence” something you’ve ever experienced? If so, describe what this concept looks like for you. If not, describe what you envision it might look like. How can one know the difference between “going through the spiritual motions” and truly experiencing God’s presence?

Chapter 7 - The Ultimate Wedding Gifts

1. Have you unwrapped and enjoyed God's gift of "redemption from your past?" Are you afraid for others to find out about what you were once like, or do you have confidence that all of your previous misdeeds have been completely forgiven and redeemed?
2. Has there been a point of great misery in your life that could now be used for great ministry? If so, what might that look like? Are you willing?
3. Do you believe the same Spirit that lived in Jesus Christ and helped Him live a sinless life also resides in you? Is there any temptation you could possibly face in life that the Holy Spirit couldn't help you conquer?
4. Do you fear that Satan or demonic forces might attempt to control you? Do you have reason to fret, or do you believe that Christ has given you complete authority over any spiritual weapon formed against you? Why do you answer the way you do?
5. When you think about what life will be like after death, how have you envisioned it? What are you looking most forward to about spending eternity in Heaven? Can you imagine a greater, more long-lasting gift?

Chapter 8 - Mathematical Miracles

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1. In what ways has God added and multiplied blessings into your life?
2. What things do you freely offer to God knowing that you simply cannot out-give Him? What things are you somewhat more hesitant to offer, and why?
3. What do our spending habits say about our faith in God? If someone were to look at your checkbook ledger and credit card statements, what reason would they have for believing that you are a Christian? Do you use your finances to help people, or do you use people to help your finances?
4. If God were to call you to surrender the security of your regular paycheck to serve Him in some unique capacity, would you have faith that the God of the Universe could and would continue providing for your every need? Why or why not?
5. How might God be multiplying your influence during this season of your life? Who are the people He's placed in your path or what are the opportunities He's giving you to reveal His glory in a special way?
6. How can we protect ourselves against the dangers of increased blessings? How can God's people guard themselves against greed and pride? Why is this necessary?

Chapter 9 - Living an Irresistible Life

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1. Who is one of the most irresistible Christians you've ever met? What caused you to be so drawn in their direction, and what impact did they have on your life?
2. In what ways are you trying to live an irresistible life for others? What kind of fruit do you recognize in your life that's blossomed simply as a result of you showing unconditional love to someone?
3. Has there ever been a time where you experienced a "resistible" invitation as you visited a church or study group? Without divulging names, what was it that someone did that caused you to withdraw from further participation with that group or congregation?
4. When you look at the reflection in the mirror, can you honestly say that you love the woman you see? Can we convince someone else that they are God's cherished child and the beloved bride of Christ if we have no love for ourselves? Why or why not?
5. How can you exude a godly love that everyone craves, especially in the presence of someone that differs from you? Can you overlook the fact that you've never experienced what someone else may be experiencing, try to identify with their emotional and spiritual needs, and choose to love them anyway? What might this look like?

Chapter 10 - Tossing the Bouquet

1. In what ways do you represent Christ's love to those in your sphere of influence? Do you feel as if you represent Him as best you can? Why or why not?
2. Of the four ways mentioned, how are you personally involved (or how will you get involved) in Christ's mission to save the world: (1) I physically reach out to unbelievers myself, (2) I financially support others who are called to go to the mission field, (3) I pray earnestly for those who go, and/or (4) I encourage and mobilize others to go as our representatives.
3. Have you ever personally led someone to Christ, or do you have a tendency to want to leave that to the pastors and evangelists of the world? If you have led someone to Christ, share how you went about this and what happened as a result.
4. If you were to create an "invitation list" of those to whom you'd like to toss the spiritual bouquet, who would top that list? How might you approach this person, and when do you intend to do that?
5. Have you ever taken the time to write out your personal testimony? If so, what's your "bridal story?" If not, how might God be able to more effectively use you for His glory if you took a few minutes to do this exercise?

Chapter 11 - A Holy Impartation

1. Have you ever experienced or witnessed the birth of an “Ishmael” ministry? Why might people be tempted to get ahead of God and try to do good things apart from Him? What does John 15:5 say about the possibility of bearing spiritual fruit apart from an intimate connection to Christ?
2. Have you ever experienced or witnessed the birth of an “Isaac” ministry? How can we know that we are “God-anointed” rather than “self-appointed?” What does John 3:6 mean to you?
3. If you are eager for God to impart His dreams into your life, in what ways are you spending the kind of intimate time alone with Him required for such a spiritual transaction to take place? Is your love affair with Christ strictly a public affair, or do you make private time with Him a priority?
4. Where, when, and how do you experience your most intimate times with the Lord? What kind of advice would you give to someone in your group seeking to know how to experience “intimacy” with Christ?
5. Based on your answers to the ten questions designed to help you discern your personal passions, how do you suspect God may desire to have you labor for Him? What kind of dreams might He want to impart in you based on the gifts and talents He wove into the fibers of your being when He created you?

Chapter 12 - Giving Birth to God's Dreams

1. What's going on *inside* of you or *around* you during this season of your life that causes you to wonder if God may be preparing you for a new season of ministry or a season of increased fruitfulness?
2. How can you resist the temptation to abort the spiritual birthing process? How might you most effectively “wait” on God during this season of laboring for Him?
3. As you push through the pain of bringing God's dreams to life, what kind of rewards await the faithful bride? Are these rewards worth all of the pain and patience required? Why or why not?
4. How has this book enhanced your vision of what it means to be the beloved bride of Christ? Do you feel more equipped to embrace this role? If so, how?
5. What's your next step in learning how to Love Jesus Without Limits? How will you continue to pursue a more intimate love relationship with your Heavenly Bridegroom?

NOTE: If your group is ready to dive even deeper into God's love letter to you (the Bible), consider investing the next four months studying the 30-day devotionals in this series:

Completely Loved: *Recognizing God's Passionate Pursuit of Us*

Completely Forgiven: *Responding to God's Transforming Grace*

Completely Blessed: *Discovering God's Extraordinary Gifts*

Completely Irresistible: *Drawing Others To God's Extravagant Love*