



LEARNING GOALS – Chapters 7-9:*On our Quest to know God more*, we recognize what makes God smile. We explain why Jesus is THE answer to life's biggest questions.And we paraphrase why Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life,and evaluate why He is worthy of praise and worship.



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7. Are you allowing yourself to be fully seen and loved by God? Not just the good times or the hard times. Most of us have heard, "Jesus loves you" but are you open to seeing and feeling the effects of that love?

- Just because you've heard or know Jesus loves you doesn't mean you've opened the door to let him. This question hopefully reveals what areas people might be believing God couldn't possibly love them in and gives them an opportunity to confront that lie.

8. Are there times when you are trying to "work" or "earn" your way into heaven? How can you let God's unwavering love wash over you in those areas so you can better rest in your faith?

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- Like you said, the way to get into heaven is ONLY by believing in Jesus, NOT by the works or acts we do. This question can reveal what areas we are subconsciously believing we are not good enough and help people bring that to the Lord so we can let him *fully* love us as talked about in Ch.7 as well.

8.1. How can you demonstrate to others your newfound life and love in Christ?

- When we get a new life in Christ we are called to begin trying to live like him. While there are guidelines to follow, the act of living like him can be unique to each person. (Ex. How you show and demonstrate the kindness or patience we are called to have.)

8.2. What truth does God speak about you, and how can you incorporate that into your walk with God and others?

- For example, God says he loves us, his children. It is important that we should accept that truth for ourselves **THEN** also contemplate how we can love God's other children as well. It is important to recognize what God speaks about us, however we can't forget that God speaks that over and about everyone else too. The main commandment isn't just to love God, it's to love everyone else as well.

8.3. How can you live your life as if it's eternal? What does it look like?

- Based on your quote by David Jeremiah, "Eternal life begins when we are born again into the kingdom of God." We should treat our lives after being saved as if we are already in heaven with Jesus because he is already here with us. The point of this question is to meditate on how we can do that.

9. How is God working in your life recently? Have you taken the time to notice?

- I think sometimes we as people get so wrapped up in what we want God to do that we miss the opportunity to thank him for what he's done and what he is doing right now. Take a moment to consider, just because you aren't where you want to be doesn't mean you aren't better than you used to be...