

Questions for Chapters 1-3

Chapter 1: Words to Live By

1. What are some times in your life when the Bible has helped *to teach you, rebuke you, correct you, or train you in righteousness*?
2. Read Romans 12:9-21 very slowly as if you were reading it for the first time. Ask the Holy Spirit if there is a word or a phrase he would like to highlight for you and ask him to speak to your heart as read this passage. This is a great way to learn how to recognize the voice of the Lord.

Chapter 2 : God in the Ordinary

1. What barriers keep you from reading Scripture consistently? What steps could you take to become more consistent in spending time in God 's Word?
2. How do you think spending time each day in God's Word would affect the way you plan your days?

Chapter 3: Finding God in His Word

1. Which of the suggestions in Chapter 3 on listening for God's voice might you try to help you go deeper into the Bible?
2. Do you know anyone whom you consider a 'person of the Book'? If so, what do you notice in his or her approach to life that is different from most people's?
3. When was the last time you heard God speak as you read Scripture? How did the message impact you or someone else?

Questions for Chapters 4-6

Chapter 4: "Lord, Teach me to Pray"

1. If Jesus asked you today if you could watch with him for one hour, what would you say?
2. Do you have a set appointment with God each day? If so, keep it up!! If not, what steps could you take to begin one?

Chapter 5 : Adventures in Listening Prayer

1. Think back to the five D's : *desire, decision, discipline, delight, and daily*. In which of these areas in the Lord prompting you to develop your prayer life?
2. Are you giving God your *leftover* time or your *best* time? How do your actions show that?

Chapter 6 Finding God in Prayer

1. As you pray, do you spend time both talking and listening? If not, how can you begin to incorporate both?
2. Do you think any of the 'traps' mentioned in chapter 6 are keeping you from developing a regular prayer life? If so, which one(s)? How can you learn to avoid these traps?

Questions for Chapters 7-9

Chapter 7: Bringing Prayer out of the Closet

1. What are some of the ways you pray throughout the day?

2. Have you ever tried praying specific Scripture verses? Describe your experience.

Chapter 8: When Praying Isn't Easy

1. Have you ever sought God with all your heart during a dark period but felt as your prayers just bounced back? Did this experience strengthen or discourage you? What did you learn about God through it?

Chapter 9: Capturing the Spirit of Prayer: Slinky the Caterpillar

1. Have you ever felt a prayer burden or prayed a prayer of relinquishment for someone or something? If so, describe it. How did it affect your prayer life?

Questions for Chapters 10-11

Chapter 10: Stopping to Listen

1. Have you ever been prompted by the Holy Spirit to do something for someone else? Did you follow the prompting? What were the results?

2. What benefit of listening to God appeals to you most?

3. What are some of the ways you can better deal with distractions during your quiet times with God?

Chapter 11: Does God Speak to His Children?

1. According to chapter 11 "Listening to God is not seeking inside information". What does that mean, and what kind of insights does God give us when we listen to him?

2. How does busyness interfere with your ability to hear God speak? What can you do about it?

