



## Discussion Questions

### **Chapter 1: About the Author**

1. Who was your favorite teacher growing up? Why?
2. Have you ever had a cross-cultural experience? What was it like?
3. Can you think of some examples of things that seem insignificant but are actually very important?
4. Have you ever failed at something? What happened? How did it feel?
5. What are you hoping to get out of reading this book?

### **Chapter 2: First Things Last**

1. What aspect of creation convinces you most of a Creator? The mountains? Oceans? Cosmos? Laughter? Music? People? Explain your response.
2. Why do you think God created the world?

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3. Do you think the world is better than it used to be, or worse?
4. Have you ever had an experience when you knew God wanted you to do something specific? How did you know? What did you do?
5. How do you think God is currently trying to grow you?

### **Chapter 3: What Does He Want From Us?**

1. Can you remember a time when you disobeyed your parents? What did you do? What happened?
2. What are some of the reasons why people struggle to trust God?
3. Which sounds most difficult for you: loving God with all of your heart, all of your soul, or all of your mind? Which sounds easiest?
4. Is it easy or difficult for you to believe God loves you? Why?
5. Is Jesus enough for you?

### **Chapter 4: This is Personal**

1. Describe your “daily grind.” What fills most of your time?
2. Do you think it’s possible to love others too much? Explain.
3. Have you ever sacrificed for another? What happened? How did they respond?
4. Have you ever drawn a boundary with someone? What happened? How did they respond?

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5. Who in your life can you count on to give you godly advice about when to sacrificially love others and when to love and care for yourself?

#### **Chapter 5: Insignificant**

1. If a genie granted you three wishes, what would you wish for? Be honest.
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, “Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:1–4)?
3. How do you think the disciples felt as Jesus washed their feet?
4. Have you ever “endured hardship as discipline”? Did that experience produce any “righteousness and peace” in you (Hebrews 12:7–11)?
5. Think about your life. Who will you serve as Jesus did? How? Be specific.

#### **Chapter 6: What Only God Can Do**

1. Have you ever experienced a clear answer to prayer? How did God come through?
2. Do you think prayer is difficult, easy, or both? In what ways?
3. When you read “The Lord’s Prayer,” what jumps out to you? How is Jesus’s instruction about prayer unique?
4. What sorts of things do you face in your daily life for which you need God’s power to do well, or to do right?

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5. Who is your “our, we, us”? Who do you include in your prayers? Going forward, is there anyone else you intend to include?

#### **Chapter 7: What Only You Can Do**

1. Do you have any hidden talents or skills?
2. What has God entrusted to you? Make a list. Think about your time, talents, experiences, skills, possessions, relationships, education, and dreams.
3. Why do you think we’re tempted to invest so much in things that do not ultimately matter?
4. In what ways are you currently investing in God’s kingdom? In what ways do you hope to?
5. If you could accomplish just one thing with the rest of your life, what one thing would you do? Be realistic.

#### **Chapter 8: Whatever You Do**

1. What was your first job? Describe it.
2. What sorts of things do people work for? For what reasons do people work?
3. What difference do you think it would make in your life if you maintained an awareness that “It is the Lord Christ you are serving” (Colossians 3:24)?
4. What would it look like for you to “be a minister” in your neighborhood or family, at your job or school?
5. What one thing could you change to do “whatever you do” for God? Be specific.

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**Chapter 9: Welcome Forever**

1. If your home caught fire and, as you fled, you had time to grab only three possessions, which would you take? Why?
2. Is it ever “right” to do “wrong”? Explain your response with an example.
3. Fill in the blank: “For heaven to be heaven for me, it will have to have \_\_\_\_\_.” Why?
4. Who are you looking forward to reconnecting with in the next life?
5. What do you think God would like to accomplish *in* you during your lifetime? What do you think God would like to accomplish *through* you during your lifetime? Be specific.

**Epilogue**

1. Have your views of significance changed? How?
2. How will you change in response to your views?