

Discussion Questions for *Devoted*

Chapter One: “Beautiful and Beloved”

1. When you hear, “God loves you,” what do you feel? Is that only a theological concept for you, or do you experience God’s fervent love for you personally? Do you feel that God tolerates you from a distance, or is His love an experienced reality for you?
2. When you imagine God looking at you, what do you see in His face? Approval and delight? Disappointment? Is He smiling, or is He displeased?

According to Scripture, how does God look at you? If your perspective does not align with Scripture, how can you correct your thinking about God’s heart for you?

3. We tend to see God the way we see our earthly fathers. By nature, we sense God responding to us the same way we sense our fathers responding to us. For example, if your father was harsh, you will expect God to be harsh. If your father was absent or distant, you will assume that God is absent or distant. If you felt rejection from your father, you will expect rejection from God the Father, too.

How have your experiences with your earthly father shaped your view of God? Where has your perspective of God been distorted? You can “renew your mind” and transform your life when you replace distortions with the wonderful truth about God (Romans 12:2).

4. Is it difficult to believe that God desires you and delights in you? How would your life change if you experienced God as your devoted Covenant Partner? How can you let your spirit soak in the truths found on pages 35-38?

Chapter Two: “Our Identity in Christ”

1. How does dying to our self-centeredness set us free to be our true selves? How does walking out of darkness into light bring out all of our colors? How does Satan trick us into being afraid that God will stifle us or dampen our personalities?
2. How would your life change if you realized that your identity is determined by your relationship with God?
3. How would your life change if you understood that joy comes from identifying with a great and trustworthy God instead of struggling to create your significance and security?
4. What are three specific truths about the great “I AM” that you want to shape your view of your personal “I am”?



Chapter Three: “Walking Through the Tabernacle”

1. What did you learn about the tabernacle in this section? Did anything surprise you?
2. Which of the six steps is most challenging to you? How can you strengthen this step?
3. The altar of incense represents the prayers of God’s people. Although you understand that you respond to God through prayer, you may not realize that *your entire life is your response to God*. What are you saying to God today through your life?

We tend to think that we are responding only to people and circumstances, but we are responding primarily to God in each moment of every day. How could this perspective change your life?

4. How much do you delight in God being who He is?

Chapter Four: “How God Redeems Our Pain”

1. What area of pain in your life needs healing? How can you plant the Cross in that memory or situation?
2. How can you let go of your pain so that you can hold your Healer instead?
3. How would your life be different if you let God manage your pain and your joy (instead of you managing them)?
4. How can you build an altar on the hard ground of your pain?

Chapter Five: “The Power of *Yada*”

1. How do you experience hiding in your relationship with others and with God? Where do you feel unseen? What do you want to hide? What would it be like to live without the need to hide?
2. In what ways do you struggle with shame? How can you receive His gift of honor to you?
3. Do you spend time consciously soaking in God’s love for you? What would it be like to lay your spirit fully exposed in the warmth of God’s love?
4. Are you willing to seek unashamed and unafraid union with God? What next steps will you take?

Chapter Six: “Loving God’s Glory”

1. Six “erroneous claims about God and His glory” are listed on pages 78-79. How many of these have you encountered? Which of these have you struggled with?
2. How can you savor Christ in compelling ways (page 84)?
3. Which of the six “confident replies” on pages 90-91 are most meaningful to you?
4. What are several things about Christ that are especially glorious to you? What are some of your favorite things about Jesus?