

Questions to consider when reading Chapter 5

1. "We will never find God unless he first seeks us." (p.75)

How has this been true in your own experience? Where in the Bible can we see this?

2. "To truly become Christians we must also repent of the reasons we ever did anything right. Pharisees only repent of their sins, but Christians repent for the very roots of their righteousness, too" (p.78)

How is this explanation different from the way most people understand repentance? How does this change the way you repent?

3. What would help you identify the "sin under all your other sins"? (p.78)

How can you dismantle that particular sin beneath the other sins?

4. "Forgiveness always comes at a cost" (p.83)

How can this truth be seen in the parable? In your own experience? (see page 84)

5. What did it cost the father to bring his younger son home? What did it cost the elder brother? What did it cost to bring us home? (see pages 85&87)

6. If Jesus is our true elder brother, how does this change our relationship with him? Our worship? Our service? Our obedience? Our view of the future?