

### **Discipleship: Being a Man after God's Own Heart**

*"Could anyone tell me what it means to be a man of God? I'm tired of pious Jesus talk and Sunday Christians. If I'm going to go for Christianity, I'm going all the way."*

### **Fighting Spirit: The armor of God, Ephesians 6:10-24**

1. How do you describe evil, as a cosmic force that is centered in the devil, or as a power that is totally the result of individual human sinfulness?
2. What is your armor? What protects you from temptations when you are under siege?
3. How do you pray? Would you like to pray in a different way?

### **Total Commitment: The rich man, Mark 10:17-31**

1. First, react to the story itself. Do you feel sorry for the young man? Are you more or less like him?
2. What role do material possessions play in your life? Do they get in the way of following Jesus?
3. Do you believe that all things are possible with God? Do you have any examples from your own life?

### **Obedience: Abiding in the vine, John 15:1-17**

1. Have you ever had the experience of abiding in Jesus?
2. How did you bear fruit as a disciple of Jesus?
3. What does it mean to you to be a friend of Jesus
4. Is it hard for you to be obedient to Jesus' call to love one another as He has loved us?

### **Teachable Spirit: Peter's stretching vision, Acts 10:1-33**

1. Have you ever experience what seemed to be coincidences, which you later saw as signs of God working in your life?
2. Have you ever changed your view on an important subject? Was the Holy Spirit involved?
3. What does it take for you to change a deeply-held opinion?

### **Spreading the Word: Ambassador for Christ, 2 Cor 5:11-21**

1. Paul says that the love of Christ impels him. What impels you in your life?
2. Paul says that whoever is in Christ is a new creation. What is new in you because of your faith?
3. What do you make of "For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him"?

### **God's Man at Home: Love like Christ, Ephesians 5:22 – 6:10**

1. How close do you come to what Paul says are the duties of a husband?
2. Do you as a father ever "exasperate" your children? How do you deal with it when your children do not "honor" you?
3. We don't have household slaves and masters, but at your workplace how close to Paul's ideal do you come as a boss or as an employee?

### **Servanthood: The Attitude of Christ, Philippians 2:1-11**

1. What does it mean to you to be humble? Is that part of your identity?
2. What does it mean to empty yourself? Does it come naturally to you? How do you feel when you are able to do it? What results does it have in your life?
3. To what in your life are you obedient?