

Inspired Imperfection Discussion Questions

Pre-ample Questions

1. Overall impressions of the book (rate 1-10)?
2. What were some of the things you most appreciated? Feel free to share a quote.
3. What was something you struggled or disagreed with? Feel free to share a quote.

Intro

What is your answer to Boyd's question in the introduction, "If God perfectly revealed Godself in history through a man who bore the sin of the entire human race, why should we for a moment think it a problem for God to reveal Godself through a book that reflects the fallenness and fallibility of its human authors?"

What do you think of Greg's decision to use email pronouns for the Holy Spirit in accordance with the Greek?

Chapter 1

Though my hope, and I am sure Greg's is not to leave you distraught (I promise the book comes around on these subjects), have you considered such issues as those brought up in this chapter before? How have you dealt with them if you have? What means have you been offered to answer such problems?

Chapter 2

Have you witnessed others or even put your own faith in the Bible instead of Jesus? How are we to balance this properly?

Chapter 3

Do you believe that the relationship between the Spirit's inspiration can be affected by human participation? Why or Why not?

Have you ever been between a Scylla and Charybdis in your faith?

Chapter 4

Do you agree with Frank's perspective that an inerrancy view of scripture is integral to belief in Jesus' authority? Why or why not?

Chapter 6

Boyd lays out a lot of Barth's perspectives regarding scripture in this chapter. Do you agree with Barth's proposed relationship between Christ as the Word of God and scripture? Do you believe scripture to be miraculously written down or miraculous as it comes alive to the reader?

Chapter 7

Chapter 8

What objection did you most agree with? We're there any you disagreed with Boyd on?

Chapter 9

On page 95, Boyd seems to make the thesis of his theory clear, "In other words, despite the fact that the sin and curse that Jesus bore were antithetical to God's true eternal nature, they nevertheless contribute to the self-revelation that God breathes through them. And if the sin and curse that Jesus bore contribute to God's fullest self-revelation on the cross, why should we not expect to find sinful, cursed, and erroneous material contributing to the God-breathed story of God that bears witness to and culminates on the cross?" . What are your thoughts on such a statement? Agree? Disagree? At least find it plausible? Why or why not?

Chapter 10

Greg makes the case that God embracing humanities weakness and foolishness, and that is how God operates in the world regularly. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not? Have you experienced this?

Chapter 11

How do you account for different styles of writing and even self correction (such as Paul's baptisms) in an inerrant view of the bible? Have you noticed such differences before?

Can you think of other ways God brings about his work relationally? Is this case clear for scripture?

Chapter 12

Which of the three reasons in this chapter did you find most compelling? Why? Did you disagree with any of them?

Chapter 13

Do you agree that holding to progressive revelation has to make previous revelation obsolete?

What are your feelings towards the accommodation theory that Boyd presents at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 14

Does Greg's proposed language of direct vs indirect revelation help make his

case? What about Lewis' looking along vs at language?

Chapter 15

What are your favourite takeaways fro how Jesus interacted with scripture? How do these examples challenge your previously held view of scripture?