

The Sin Of Certainty Discussion Questions

Pre-amble 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.

Chapter 1

4. Do you have spiritual moments that have been pivotal in your spiritual journey? Please share!
5. Are you compelled by the argument this far that pursuit of certainty is a sin?

Chapter 2

6. Did any of these three "punches" show their face in your faith formation? What was the impact?

Chapter 3

7. What has your experience of the psalms been? What gaps did you have in your understanding compared to Enns' tour of a few psalms?
8. What emotions did you feel reading through Pete's brief glance at these psalms?

Chapter 4

9. In your own words, why is it important that God exposed the limitations of our thinking? How does he do this? Do some people avoid it? Why?

Chapter 5

10. End states that, "...trusting God is an all-in surrender that covers our egos with a thick tarp. Trusting God is death. And trusting God can be excruciating when we're yet again waiting for God to show up and then doesn't." What is the death he is speaking of?

Chapter 6

11. Did any of the 5 reasons other people struggled resonate with your own obstacles to your walk of faith?
12. Which of Pete's 7 thoughts for reimagining faith were helpful? Did you have any disagreements or hangups? What would you add to the list?

Chapter 7

13. How would you explain the conversation between mother Theresa and John Kavanaugh regarding trust instead of clarity to someone unfamiliar with this book and story?

Chapter 8

14. Enns identifies that because of the long time that has passed since the New Testament, "Christians today have more in common with the Israelites wandering through a lonely and threatening desert or exiled to a hostile land than with Paul and most other New Testament writers." Do you sense this in your walk in any way? Why or why not?