

Speaking of Jesus 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. What is "the gospel"?
5. As recorded in 1 Corinthians 2:1-3, how did Paul see his skills as an evangelist? And if we're not "evangelizing" per se, then what is the job of an evangelist?

Chapter 2

6. What does the author mean by "my religion doesn't get you to heaven?"
7. Why is it so difficult for us to live out what we believe publicly?

Chapter 3

8. How does talk of "heaven" and "hell" cause people to be defensive?
9. How does it change your language when you talk about Jesus instead of Christianity?
10. Describe the process used by the author in keeping the conversation open with his Muslim friend?

Chapter 4

11. How does the feeling of "I don't need to be rescued" stand in the way of typical evangelism?

Chapter 5

12. Is it critical that people believe in God before we tell them about Jesus?
13. If you don't know theological doctrine, apologetics, all the spiritual gifts, or don't diligently read your Bible every day, what do you need to know to provide the Gospel to others? (Page 85)

Chapter 6

14. What's the difference in speaking "of" Jesus versus "about" Jesus?
15. According to the author, what parts of the Bible are more important for us to know?

Chapter 7

16. In what ways is "Team Christian" similar to the Pharisees? How does this make you feel?
17. Why does everyone feel like they are the minority in the culture wars? Can we truly empathize with and feel what the other side feels?

Chapter 8

18. How is it that the gospel is good news to someone not yet a believer?

Chapter 9

19. How does use of the term "Follower of Jesus" identify you differently than being a "Christian"?

Chapter 10

20. How will knowing more about Jesus by reading the four gospels help our effectiveness in ministering to others?

Chapter 11

21. What part of knowing and believing in Jesus have you struggled with?

Chapter 12

22. The author shares a number of really striking interactions in this chapter, what stuck out to you most and why?