

# More Christlike God Questions

## Chapter 1

What was it that Jesus wanted us to see about God? How was his vision of God different than anything previous? How might his vision of God still be different than your own?

## Chapter 2

Which of the projections of God most resonated with you? When was that image first rooted in your heart?

## Chapter 3

How does putting love first lead to a greater freedom than demanding my own rights and freedoms? Can you give an example from your life?

## Chapter 4

Where do we see examples of God putting his love ahead of his freedom or power in the Old Testament?

In the New Testament? When God is depicted as putting love and compassion ahead of law, judgment and wrath, how does this affect your posture toward him? Your emotions about him?

## Chapter 5

Christ reign as Lamb? Why Lamb as opposed to Lion?

## Chapter 6

How does the Cross symbolize Christ's enthronement as King? What images and details does John use in his Passion narratives to highlight this theme?

How does the Lamb-like reign of God look in the world today?

## Chapter 7

How is God's consent a Cross that God himself had to bear, even prior to Calvary- in the context of God's experiences with his covenant people?

## Chapter 8

Partnering with the cruciform God means taking up our own cross. What might that look like?

## Chapter 9

"God is in control." Do you believe that? Even in the face of human suffering? Or conflict? Or evil?

#### Chapter 10

Why would God 'give us over' to ourselves, to our sins or to our enemies? Is God being aloof? Does he care? How does God's care show up in your life?

#### Chapter 11

In this chapter, we distinguished between God's passive wrath (giving over) and biblical accounts that describe God's active wrath. Do you think this distinction is actually found in God or could it be in the authors' perspectives?

#### Chapter 12

Some preachers imply that Jesus saved us from God. But if the Father doesn't need to be appeased or paid, but rather, God-in-Christ incurred the cost, how might that affect your image of God? Your trust in God?

#### Chapter 13

Have you ever thought of the Cross as a victory before? The resurrection was obviously a victory, but how does Paul see the Cross itself as the locus of Christ's triumph?

#### Chapter 14

Do the following statements feel true? God is good- period. God loves me--period. Life can be hard-a cross--but redemption will have the last word. When you can't feel it, can you still believe it?