

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

# SERVANTS FOR HIS GLORY

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for individual and group use

## CHAPTER 1

1. What does the author mean when he says we should “be” before we “do”?
2. Why is it important to consider how we enter into the family of God? How do the four truths the author outlines affect our spiritual maturity?
3. The author presents eleven signs of immaturity in our character. Which of these stand out to you and why? What are some practical ways of maturing with respect to these challenges?

## CHAPTER 2

1. When you think of getting your “inner world in order,” what most needs attention?
2. What is good for your soul? What have you allowed into your daily routine that does not honor God?
3. How are you with time and task management and delegation? Why are all of these important when it comes to spiritual maturity?

## CHAPTER 3

1. What does it mean to have a “biblical mind”? In what areas do you need to strengthen your biblical mind?
2. Give examples of how you’ve seen the obstacles to the Christian mind at work in your own life.
3. What impact did the Higher Criticism movement have on the American church? Why is this important to understand now?

## CHAPTER 4

1. From a theological perspective, what does it mean to be set apart? How does being set apart look from a practical standpoint; what does your “set apart” life look like (or should look like)?
2. The author writes, “holiness must be cultivated and requires both limits and discipline.” What is your response to this statement? What limits and discipline do you need to implement that will help cultivate more holiness in your life?
3. Read 1 Timothy 4:7 and Hebrews 12:1. How does the idea of training to run a race apply to cultivating holiness in your life?

## CHAPTER 5

1. Why is it important that your service for the Lord flow from a daily and ongoing relationship with God? What happens when your relationship with God is hindered, distracted, or non-existent?
2. What is the difference between seeking God's blessings vs. seeking God Himself? When have you done each? Discuss a time when God allowed difficulties in your life, which ultimately brought you closer to Him.
3. Which of the four ways of God is most familiar to you? Least familiar to you? Why is it important to understand God's ways as it relates to his will?

## CHAPTER 6

1. What does it look like to pursue and accomplish our goals according to God's will?
2. Consider the biblical characters the author highlights regarding living a life well lived (Abimelech, Samson, Absalom, Ahab, Josiah, Eli, David, Abraham, Job, Joshua, Caleb, Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Daniel, Paul, Peter, John). Which of these stand out to you? What do their examples teach you about your own life?
3. Discuss each of the seven practical elements for living a life well lived. Which of these do you see in your life? What are some ways to grow in the Lord so that these elements are more prominent?

## CHAPTER 7

1. From your perspective, how have Christians in America embraced or compromised the Gospel during the last fifty years or so? Give specific examples.
2. How would you describe a life that has been transformed by the Gospel? What are some of its distinguishing characteristics?
3. What are some of the challenges you've faced in living the Gospel in your workplace? How did you overcome those challenges?

## CHAPTER 8

1. What does the life of a servant for God's glory look like?
2. What do you need to do in order to have the mind of Christ (see Philippians 2:5) and therefore be transformed into a servant?
3. How do pride and humility affect your becoming a servant for God?

## CHAPTER 9

1. Compare and contrast spiritual leadership with leadership from a secular perspective.
2. How do you see the values and leadership crisis demonstrated in your home, community, and church? What is the connection between values and leadership?
3. Why do spiritual leaders have greater responsibility than those they lead? In what other ways are they different from those they lead? In what ways are they similar?

## CHAPTER 10

1. How would you describe the leadership model of the kingdom of heaven? What makes it distinct from worldly leadership?
2. Discuss how the proud leader and the humble leader are different. Use the self-evaluation questions to gauge what type of a leader you are. What have you learned about yourself and the way you lead?
3. What does it mean to consider others as more important than yourself? What does that look like in a humble leader?

## CHAPTER 11

1. What is your purpose in life? Where do you find your meaning?
2. What is the difference in living for this world vs. living for the world to come?
3. How is living for God's glory connected to living with purpose? Why is it important to understand the relation between the two?

## CHAPTER 12

1. Use specific examples from your life to illustrate this statement: "God's purposes have a specific time."
2. How are Satan's purposes attractive yet destructive? Give examples.
3. The author highlights four aspects of the redemptive calling: to salvation, sanctification, suffering, and service. How do you see each aspect demonstrated in your life?

## CHAPTER 13

1. The author highlights seven aspects of today's culture, which are the "enemy of sober and profound thought": pragmatic, utilitarian, therapeutic, relativistic and situational, minimalistic, disconnected, and emotional. Which of these have had the greatest impact on you and your journey to spiritual maturity? Why?
2. How do you react to the statement, "we become what we worship"? What does that tell you about your idols?
3. What will it mean for you to live with a greater sense of urgency?

## CHAPTER 14

1. How do you define success? How does the world define success? How does God define success?
2. What is the key to being a servant of God who is not seduced by worldly success?
3. What is your greatest takeaway from this book?