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Introduction

1. If you could only get one thing from reading this book, what would you want it to be?
2. Pretend you are Joe from the story in the introduction. You are leaving earth to visit another planet for ten years. You pay someone to protect your car and invest your money while you are gone. They bury your money in a hole. They use your car but don't take care of it. How would you feel towards them when you return?
3. Why do you think God wants us to understand and know Him?
4. What do you like to boast about?
5. What fears about God may have kept (or are keeping) you from looking for Him?

Chapter 1. Genesis 1–4: The First Turning of the Other Cheek

1. What thing that God created do you enjoy the most? the least?
2. Eve believed the lie that God was keeping something good from her. What good thing have you ever believed that God was keeping from you?
3. In what areas of your life do you have a hard time believing God?
4. Have you “ran” (not literally, but figuratively) from God before? If yes, why?
5. It's good to ask questions when you read the Bible and don't understand something. What tough questions do you have for God? Can you trust God while you have these questions until you get an answer in the future?

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Chapter 2. Genesis 6–1: Hitting the Reset Button

1. Had you realized before that it took about 100 years for Noah to build the ark? It was the length of 1½ football fields long and three stories high. What do you envision Noah's friends and neighbors saying to him when they saw it?
2. In what matters do you believe God enough to obey Him?
3. In what areas of your life do you have a hard time believing God enough to obey Him?
4. What does someone look like who's heart has been broken after losing something or someone of great value to them? Can you picture God like this?
5. Why do you think God told Noah and his family to "fill the earth"?

Chapter 3. Genesis 11: Fill the Earth

1. What do you think is the most important thing mankind has discovered in creation?
2. What created thing do you enjoy the most?
3. Of the four possibilities mentioned, why do you think God wanted the people to disperse?
4. Genesis 11:4 states that the people said, "and let us make a name for ourselves." What do you think that they meant by saying this and do people say or act like this today?
5. Is there anything you are currently experiencing that requires God's help to get through it? If so, what?

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Chapter 4. Genesis 12–14: Blessed, But Do You Know It?

1. What is the best (or worst) gift you've been given? Why?
2. What makes a person value one gift more than another?
3. If you could listen to a recording of everything that you have said today, would you sound like someone who is blessed?
4. Think of someone you know personally or know of in the news that doesn't come across as feeling blessed in life? What factors may be leading them to not feel blessed?
5. Why do you think God would go to such great efforts to bless all families of the world?

Chapter 5. Genesis 15: Fear Not!

1. See the author's list of things people can fear on the first page of chapter 5. Are there other fears he didn't list that you can think of?
2. What is the one thing that you find yourself fearing most often?
3. Have you ever had someone not trust you? How did that make you feel?
4. Is there anything that we can do to help ourselves trust God more?
5. Is there anything that we can do to help others we know trust God more?

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Chapter 6. Genesis 16: God Always Sees Me

1. The author mentioned several distractions people use to hide pain. What distractions have you used before in order to hide pain, either emotional or physical?
2. What things can you do to listen to someone well?
3. Like Hagar, what deserts have you walked into in order to get away from your circumstances?
4. What circumstances seem to get in between you and God? See Romans 8:38,39.
5. How do you picture God coming to meet with you? Like a child at an Easter egg hunt or like someone going to the dentist?

Chapter 7. Genesis 17: One Step at a Time

1. When have you had difficulty waiting on God and trusting Him?
2. What things in your life seemed to make no sense at all at the time, but now looking back, have made your life better?
3. What secrets might God be keeping from you now?
4. What things could you do to give God your complete attention in order to hear Him?
5. Do you understand God more after reading this far into the book?

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Chapter 8. Genesis 18: Your Father Is *the* Judge

1. What is your reaction to God being a Judge?
2. Is God fair in your eyes? Why or why not?
3. Of all the characters in a courtroom, who would you want to be and why?
4. What do you think Satan is saying right now to God about you? What do you think Jesus's reply to Satan's accusations concerning you would be?
5. What does it mean for you that the penalty for your sins has been paid?

Chapter 9. Genesis 19: Judge, Jury and Executioner

1. On page 73, the author states that "Justice is extremely important to God." Does that comfort you or concern you that justice is important to God? Why?
2. Share with your group any sins that you know of that a person can commit that do not hurt or take something from someone or from God. Please also share this with me by contacting me at GodtheFatherRevealed@gmail.com.
3. How do you feel if a classmate cheats on a test and makes a better grade than you? Can you just forget about it? What will help you forget about it?
4. Have you had an experience in your life or seen one like the Sodom & Gomorrah people being captured and then later rescued? Did you see God's involvement in it?
5. Has God ever given you time to repent? If so, describe. Has/had God been waiting a long time?

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Chapter 10. Genesis 20: He Takes It Personally

1. This chapter makes the point that God hurts when we hurt? Do you believe that or not?
Why or why not?
2. What experience have you had where you worked hard at something to help someone & they just ignored, misused or destroyed what you had done? How did that make you feel?
3. Pretend you are Abimelek and God has just spoken to you in the dream as quoted in this chapter? What are your feelings toward God after that? Are you grateful, mad, etc.?
4. Recall the pizza illustration. In what ways do you see Satan trying to get us to misuse God's creation today? Is God justified in being upset at this or is He unreasonable?
5. See question #4 above. Sometimes what we want to do and what God wants us to do are different. Can you name any instances of that from your life? When instances like this arise, what do you do?

Chapter 11. Genesis 21: It Comes to Pass

1. Who do you identify with most here? Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael or Isaac? Why?
2. What are you waiting on God to do in your life?
3. The author says God spoke to Abraham and said, "listen to whatever Sarah tells you...".
How do you know when God is telling your something?
4. If we are faithful like Abraham was, what do we do after God speaks to us?
5. Describe any times where God has provided for you but not in a way you expected or wanted?

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Chapter 12. Genesis 22: How God Felt

1. Before you read this chapter of the book, how did you feel about God asking Abraham to offer Isaac in sacrifice to God? How do you feel after reading this chapter of the book?
2. List the similarities of Jesus to Isaac.
3. Have you had a time when you didn't understand why something was happening that was painful & then God came in at the last minute and changed the circumstances? If so, what did you learn from it?
4. What things in your life do you think God has also experienced?
5. After understanding what God the Father went through in offering Jesus to die in our place, what should our response be?

Chapter 13. Genesis 25: Turning Things Upside Down

1. Has God done an "upside down" in your life yet? If so, what was it? If not, what do you think it might be?
2. Read Luke 14:27. What does that mean in today's life?
3. Give ways someone can turn their life upside down for God?
4. Why isn't it natural for us to look at a man's thoughts and intentions instead of outward appearance? Is this something that we can learn to do?
5. What do many people put on their outside to cover up their heart's inside? What things in your heart are covered up?
6. How long does it take God to turn sorrow into joy?

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Chapter 14. Genesis 26–36: Holding on

1. This chapter of the book describes Jacob's "conditional allegiance to God" as an "IF-THEN" statement in a computer program. If you have used such a statement in working with computers, please share with the group more of what is meant by that.
2. Have you conditioned your love and allegiance to God upon certain "IF's"? If so, what are they? Should there be conditions to your love for God?
3. Read Proverbs 19:3. Name some things people do that God gets the blame.
4. Describe a wrestling match you have had or are having with God.
5. Why is it important to 'hold on' to God? Is it getting easier for you or harder for you to hold on to God?

Chapter 15. Genesis 37–50: Working All Things Together

1. How do you rationalize that God allows bad things to happen to good people, especially those like Joseph?
2. What are all the trials Joseph had to experience?
3. Describe a place in your life where you felt like a Joseph. Did God make something good come out of it?
4. Are most of your sufferings a result of your own actions or others?
5. What words do you use to console someone that is suffering?

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Chapter 16. Judah: From Wickedness to the Heart of Jesus

1. What did living with guilt cause Judah to do? Has living with guilt caused you to do anything like? What?
2. What are the signs that you can see the heart of Jesus in Judah?
3. Explain why the author says on page 134 that "Jacob played a role like God the Father, Judah played a role like Jesus and Benjamin played a role like us."
4. When you hear the story of the prodigal son returning home (see page 134), do you picture the father in the story running to his returning child?
 - a. In the same way, can you picture God the Father running to someone who returns to Him?
 - b. Can you close your eyes and picture Him running to you? If not, why?
5. Describe a time in your life where you have felt (or are feeling) like the prodigal son. Have you returned to God? If not, what is stopping you?

Part Two – Personal Stories

Chapter 17. A Lopsided Game

1. When you think of God, do you picture Him being on your team or the other team?
2. Do you think of life as something that you do with God or for God? Why?

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3. Thinking of this chapter, where do you see yourself in the game of life with God? God's passed you the ball and you're taking the shot? You're dribbling it? Holding it? Sitting on the bench and watching the game? Which of these describes you right now and why?
4. Name some situations in our world today where God is proud of His children winning. What are they doing that makes them winners?
5. Why would Jesus command us to take the gospel to all the world rather than doing it Himself? If we obey His command in Matthew 28:18-20, is it all up to us?

Chapter 18. Much More Than Puppy Love

1. It costs money and requires a lot of work to have a pet. Why do people do it then?
2. In what ways are the relationship between God and man similar to the relationship between a dog lover and their pet?
3. This book presents a picture of a loving God who sends people to hell only because He has to in order to be just, not because that's what He wants to do. Had you ever pictured God mourning the loss of His children forever before reading this book? Now that you've read this chapter, how will that knowledge impact your life?
4. List all the things God has done to keep people from being sent to hell.
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a free will?

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Chapter 19. A Cricket in Your Hair

1. Have you ever had an insect in your hair or on you elsewhere? How did you react?
2. How do you normally respond to temptation and how should you respond?
3. What temptations have you overcome? What ones are you still battling?
4. How does God help you overcome temptations?
5. Why do you think Jesus sweated great drops of blood when he was tempted the night before he was crucified?

Chapter 20. God's Refrigerator Art

1. What parts of God's creation do you especially appreciate?
2. What do you do to enjoy God's creation?
3. Close your eyes and picture yourself as a little child bringing something you have created to your Heavenly Father to see. How does He respond to you? Does how you picture Him responding to you mirror what this book says about God the Father? If not, why?
4. The author references and explains a Bible verse "Where no oxen are, the crib is clean. But much increase is by the strength of the ox." Explain how that can apply to you.
5. How can you help God to show other people how much He loves them?

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Chapter 21. Come to Me!

1. Describe what us humans do when we're acting like many Flashes on this earth.
2. What can you do to develop a trust or more trust in God?
3. The author refers to "count the cost" on page 165. What does that mean to you?
4. Why do you think God give us a "free will" and are you glad that He did?
5. There are three choices that all of us have to make that is mentioned on page 165. What are those choices? Which one have you made?

Part Three – Putting It All Together

Chapter 22. One God

1. Name things you use or rely on every day even though you don't understand much about them or how they work? Does it bother you that you trust and rely on them but don't know exactly how they work?
2. Should we expect to understand God as well as we understand creation? Why?
3. If you answered "no" to question 2, then how can we expect to understand God? (Hint: See last paragraph on page 175)
4. What were some of the things that led the disciples to believe that Jesus was God?
5. Why is it important that we believe that Jesus is God? (Hint: See I Corinthians 12:3 and Romans 4:22-24)
6. Why is it important that we believe that the Holy Spirit is God?

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Chapter 23. Conclusion

1. How do you know that God really cares about and loves you?
2. Have you ever had someone act nice to you only because you were their customer or otherwise had some power over them (i.e., supervisor/employee)? How did you feel when you realized that they were nice to you not because of who you were, but because of what you could do for them? Do you think Jesus ever feels like that? If so, what can we do to demonstrate to Jesus that we love Him, not because of what He can do for us, but because He is worthy of being loved just for who He is?
3. How many plans of redemption does God have? What are they?
4. The book of Revelation says that every tongue, tribe and nation will be represented in heaven. Given that when we pray the Lord's prayer and ask "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven", how can we connect with people of every tongue, tribe and nation now here on earth? What do you think our God the Father's reaction to that would be?

Overall Book Questions- Consider sending your group's answers to these last three questions to

Lewis at GodtheFatherRevealed@gmail.com. Thank you!!

1. What have you enjoyed about this book?
2. What questions do you have about God after reading this book?
3. Now that you have finished this book, how will your life be different from what it was before reading this book?