

When Strivings Cease Book Club - July 2022

Chapter 6: The Lunchroom - Striving to Belong

“I am not my own, but belong-body and soul, in life and death-to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.”
-Heidelberg Catechism

When have you struggled to belong? Explain. _____

In what ways is fitting in with others different from belonging to God? _____

What does it mean to be redeemed through Christ? _____

“We’re looking for belonging in all the wrong places-and paying too high a price with the wrong currency.”

Favorite Quotes from this Chapter:

Chapter 7: Honor and Shame - Striving to Outrun Shame

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord”

Romans 8:38-39

In what ways is shame related to discontentment? _____

How are we trying to control God when we allow shame to direct us? _____

What does God's grace do to our shame? _____

“Herein lies the whole reason we must cease striving through good works: they do NOT save.”

Favorite Quotes from this Chapter:

Chapter 8: The Gift - Striving to Have It All

“The man who has God for his treasure has all things in one.”

A.W. Tozer

What are some of the ways we worship ourselves instead of God? _____

What does it look like to rest in God? _____

Why do you think we might choose doubt and self-sufficiency instead of rest and fulfillment? _____

“If it's motivated by self-fulfillment or self-improvement, it's not a worship of God, it's a worship of self.”

Favorite Quotes from this Chapter:

Chapter 9: Grace Makes New, not Better

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
-II Corinthians 5:17

Why might it be difficult to know that we aren't enough? _____

In what ways are we transformed by God's grace? _____

Why is it important to understand that we will always need God's grace? _____

“Grace is not a betterment plan, it's a total replacement offer.”

Favorite Quotes from this Chapter:

Chapter 10: Grace Fuels Good Works

“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times”

II Corinthians 9:8

Why do you think we are unable to fulfill all that would be necessary to satisfy God’s holy requirements? _____

What does obedience to God look like? In what ways does it involve our hearts? _____

Why is it important to remember biblical truth when following God? _____

“It’s easy to fall back into a pattern of striving for grace rather than striving in grace.”

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