1. What are some reasons/excuses people give to not believe in God? (21)

2. Give some examples of how a Christian might be ‘lukewarm, halfhearted or stagnant’? (22)
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Study Questions | Chapter 1

1. What does Chan mean when he says, ‘Stop Praying’? (26)

2. How can you relate to God without praying to Him? (26)

3. Share some examples in your life when you felt ‘in touch’ with God without praying? (26)

4. Chan says, “When we love God because we feel we should love Him, instead of genuinely loving out of our true selves, we have forgotten who God really is.” Discuss the differences between ‘should love Him’ and ‘loving out of our true selves’? (29)

5. How can one love and fear God at the same time? (30)

6. How does Chan describe a ‘holy God’? (31)

7. What does it mean to be ‘set apart’? (31)

8. Have someone read the section beginning on Page 31 titled ‘God is eternal (four paragraphs). How does the ‘eternity of God’ set with you? (Confuse you? Bother you? Appreciate God more? …Be honest!)

9. When Chan says God is all knowing’, he says that can be an intimidating thought. Is it to you? Why or why not? (32)

10. Give some examples of times we think, “God is created for us, to do our bidding, to bless us, and to take care of our loved ones”? (33) How could that be a ‘bad’ thing?

11. Discuss ways in which we (and the Bible) attach earthly attributes to God (such as, “Heaven is like....” Or “God was walking in the garden in the cool of the day”). What could be the danger of doing that?
1. What causes us to think ‘long term’, not just day by day? (40)

2. Why do we focus so much on the future? (40)

3. What are the dangers of living just day by day? What are the benefits? (40)

4. Read the first four paragraphs of the section ‘Justified Stress’ beginning on Page 40. What do you think of Chan’s decision not to go the hospital when he was experiencing heart palpitations?

5. Discuss the balance between praying for healing and seeking medical attention.

6. Why is it so difficult to surrender worry and stress to God? (42)

7. What can you do to bring ‘greater glory’ to God more often? (45)

8. Chan talks about the ‘brevity’ of life. (46) Is this scary, assuring, and/or exciting to you?

9. What do you think Chan means when he says people live “selfish lives, forgetful of our God”? (51)

10. What can be done to end selfish living?
1. Describe times when you truly felt God’s love? (53)

2. Describe times you doubted God’s “care and provision” for you? (56)

3. What are reasons a person would have a fear of God? (56)

4. How does a daily prayer/devotional time compare to Chan’s view of how to relate to God? (57)

5. Read the last five paragraphs on Page 58. If God “knew what I would do even before I was even born,” how does that mesh with the idea of free will?

6. James MacDonald says that God has a sovereign will for mankind (allowing earthquakes, tornados, etc) that we can’t understand; a moral will for us (do’s and don’t in the Bible) that we can understand; but that there is no specific will (as just one right person as a mate or a perfect job). How does that compare or contrast with Chan’s statement that “He designed me for a specific work”? (59)

7. Read the second to last paragraph on Page 61. How do you respond to Chan’s quoting a college student who believes that God “threatens me with hell and punishment if I don’t begin a relationship with Him?” How would you advise that student on possible errors in his thought process?
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Study Questions | Chapter 4

1. We often blame the lack of spreading of the Gospel on factors outside of Christianity. What might be some of those ‘factors’? (65)

2. Chan blames the problem on the “hollow-hearted prosperity” of those within the church. Do you agree or disagree? Why? (65)

3. What is the problem with so much attention on altar calls (“come forward”, as Chan says) or measuring success by church growth? (66)

4. Chan is critical of those “who don’t use Jesus’ tactic to eliminate people who are not sincere seekers.” What was Jesus’ ‘tactic’? Should we employ the same tactic? (66)

5. Read the Chapter on Page 67 that begins, “I think most American churchgoers....” What is the relationship between “God and a bunch of other stuff” according to Chan? Can there be a balance? If so, how? (67)


7. What should our reaction be to such lukewarmness?
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Study Questions | Chapter 5

1. Chan says, “My conclusion? Jesus’ call to commitment is clear: He wants all or nothing.” What does Jesus mean by ‘all’? What does He mean by ‘nothing’? What does each entail? How is possible to be just one or the other? (85)

2. Discuss the differences between “proofs” of someone not being a Christian and the possibility that those “proofs” are actions of sinful, fallen men who are still saved by grace? (86)

3. Read Luke 14:33. What do you think Jesus meant by the word “everything”? (87)

4. On Page 88, Chan says people need to “perpetually move toward Christ.” What does he mean by that? How does that jive with the possibility of ‘backsliding’ in our faith from time to time? (88)

5. So which is it? Attitudes and actions as proof of true Christianity – or grace covering sinful, fallen people? Or both? (88)

6. Discuss Chan’s statement on Page 89: “Because we don’t usually have to depend on God for food, money to buy our next meal, or shelter, we don’t feel needy.” What is the danger of taking such an attitude? (89)

7. The entire section ‘Poor Rich People” leads into the idea of charitable giving. How do you think Jesus measures charitable giving? (88-90)

8. “The priests of Malachi’s day thought their sacrifices were sufficient.” How would you measure whether or not your giving is ‘sufficient’? (91)

9. How do Christians “try to convince everyone they are healthy and good”? How does God measure that health and goodness? (93)

10. Discuss ways the “American churchgoing population” might be “slowly floating away from Christ”? How might that be reversed? (95)

11. What does it mean to choose between “God and our stuff”? What is ‘stuff’ in your lives that might hinder you from God? (97)
1. Describe people you’ve met who seemed “utterly and desperately in love with Jesus”? (100)

2. Discuss ways to do things out of a desire for God rather than doing those things out of a disciple? (101)

3. Consider the Bible reading schedules of Harvest Bible Chapel Rockford. If you are doing one of them, do you do so out a desire to do so, or out of obligation? How might the obligation become a desire? (102)

4. Here’s one of Chan’s questions: Why are the words of Psalm 63:1-5 not an honest reflection of our lives in most days? (102)

5. How can you let God change your life? (103)

6. New Christians are often told that a commitment to Christ will take away troubles. But Chan says that following Christ does not preclude trouble. In leading a person to Christ, how would you approach the topic of troubles? (106)

7. Describe times in your life or in the life of someone you know in which you have seen evidence where “it is better to give than to receive”? (109)

8. If God needs “nothing from us”, why does he “want us”? (109)

9. Discuss the idea of “not being able to out give God”? What does that mean to you? How should you respond? What are impediments to doing so? (110)

10. What are some ways you can test God” in terms of giving? Give examples in your life. (110)
1. What are some ways a Christian can avoid “playing it safe”? (This may relate to witnessing, inviting non-believers to church). What prevents us from doing so? (116)

2. Read Matt. 24: 42-43. What are some contemporary examples of the six or so things Christ is talking about us in the passage? For example, what are contemporary examples of, “I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat.” (117-118)

3. Chan gives a few examples of exasperating people – slow drivers, slow cashiers, family members. Give some other examples. What does Chan say our attitude should be toward these people? How can we achieve that attitude? (118)

4. What are some ways you can give beyond money?

5. Where are some places you can give of your time? What should be your attitude in doing so? How can you achieve that attitude?

6. What does it mean to give God “all of our time and let Him direct as He sees fit”? How do we do that when we have jobs and family responsibilities? How can you ‘sense’ God’s direction? (120)

7. On Page 122, Chan gives some what might be considered radical examples of giving. (Downsizing to have more money to give; giving 20% or more of income). Can you give other examples that you are aware of. Do you think that is something a large percentage of Christians are able to do? Why isn’t it done more? (122)

8. In making sacrifices such as in sacrificial giving, Chan said it will get easier. Does it get easier? Why or why not? (123)

9. Look up the word ‘faith’ is a dictionary and read the various definitions. Describe how they might equate to faith in God. (124)

10. Read Isaiah 58:2-14 and highlight phrases that have current day relevance. (i.e., “nation that does what is right”, “pointing fingers and malicious talk”). How would God want us to respond to each of these contemporary issues?
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Study Questions | Chapter 8

NOTE TO LIFE GROUP LEADERS: Due to the nature of Chapters 8 and 9, there are considerably more questions for Chapter 8 than Chapter 9. If you typically do one chapter per LG meeting, you might want to carry over some of the Chapter 8 questions to a second meeting and then move onto Chapter 9 questions at that second meeting.

1. Look up the word ‘obsessed’ in a dictionary. What are some things people obsess about? (129)

2. Chan gives an example of ‘crazy love’ on Pages 130-131. Another example might be Corrie Ten Boom and her forgiving a Nazi tormentor. Can you give other examples of such ‘Crazy Love’?

3. Where or in whom is ‘crazy love’ found? (131)

4. Why is the first response for most of us in terms of an injustice to seek retaliation? Would you consider our court system or penal system a form of retaliation? What do you think Christ thinks about our court and/or penal system? (131)

5. Is our idea of ‘justice’ the same as Christ’s? (131)

6. Read all of Page 133. If you pray the ‘safety’ prayer prior to travels, what would your reaction be to God if your travels ended up not safe and someone got hurt perhaps seriously? Did God NOT answer your prayer? Did you pray the ‘right’ prayer?

7. When Chan says, “We’ve elevated safety to the neglect of whatever God’s best is.” How might that change your understanding of God? Does God care about our safety? (133)
8. Chan talks about selling his house and moving into something smaller in order to give more away. Is this something you’d be willing to do? Why or why not? (135)

9. Chan says, “When people gladly sacrifice their time or comfort or home, it is obvious that they trust the promise of God.” Why is it ‘obvious’? Why do not more people do that? Do such people not trust the promise of God? (136)

10. What are the dangers of a preacher being called a ‘favorite speaker’ or being accorded other platitudes? Why is pride such a problem? (137-138)

11. Chan says he ‘works hard to serve God.’ Why is it hard work? Should it be? (139)

12. Chan says that God “doesn’t just ask us to give; He desires that we love those in need as much as we love ourselves.” Why do you give? How can we reach the level of giving Chan describes? (140)

13. What are ways we think about “life on earth way too much”? (141)

14. Discuss Grandma Clara’s views of what she should be doing when Christ comes again? Discuss what you think you should be doing at that time? If we do not know the day or hour of his coming, is ‘doing what you should be doing’ possible? (142)

15. How can we make time with God a ‘delight’ and not a ‘duty’? (145)

16. Why does one who ‘chooses’ joy have to ‘work for’ it? Why is joy hard work? Should it be? (146)
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Study Questions | Chapter 9

NOTE TO LG LEADERS: At the LG meeting prior to doing this chapter, ask each of those in the group to select one of the persons profiled in Chapter 9 and come prepared to discuss why that person was most significant to that LG member.

1. Which person profiled in Chapter 9 was most interesting to you and why?

2. Why did God call Rich Mullins home at age 41 when he could have helped many more people for many more years? (155)

3. Why don’t more Christian organizations NOT ask for money and just trust God for support? (158)

4. Why did God provide such miraculous healing for Brother Yun but many times not for others whose faith was as strong? (159)

5. Chan was willing to have all Cornerstone Church services outdoors even when it might be ‘uncomfortable outside.’ Should Harvest Bible Chapel of Rockford have more outdoor services in the summer to ease the demands on the worship team and preacher even if it is hot and humid? Why or why not? (163)
1. The questions Chan asks indicates he believes that God has a specific will for each of us in terms of jobs, houses we live in, etc. – whereas Pastor James MacDonald of Harvest Rolling Meadows might disagree. Do you agree or disagree with Chan? Why or why not? (166)

2. What are things we might do for God that would take us out of our comfort zone? (168)

3. Describe ways you have access to people who are ‘outside your normal group of Christian friends’. What can you do in those situations to reflect Christ? (168)

4. If you don’t hear ‘God’s calling’, what can cause you do what God wants you to do? (169)

5. Chan contends that we need to obey God’s will for our lives even without a clear calling from Him? How do you feel about that? How do you determine that will without the clear calling? (169)

6. Have you had an experience in doing something for God that scared you? (169)

7. Chan says “our view of the Holy Spirit is too small.” What does he mean by that? Describe your understanding of the Holy Spirit. How might that have changed having read Chan’s views and listened to the message given by Pastor John concerning the Holy Spirit as described in the Book of Acts? (171)

8. If you give an accounting of your life and are found lacking (as all sinful people are), how is that dealt with in order for you to gain access to heaven?

9. IN SUMMARY: What aspects of this book affected you most? What do you plan to do about those aspects in terms of your own life?