

Discussion Questions

1. Luther uses the language of an “inner” or “new” person wrestling endlessly with an “outer” or “old” person to describe the human condition of suspension between selflessness and selfishness.

Does this correspond to your experience of humanness? What are other, more “modern” ways we might describe the phenomenon?

2. Luther describes truly good works as being done joyfully, without obligating the receiver, not done for the sake of praise, and not showing preference to some over others. How, in your experience, can we model such living and teach it to others?

3. Luther believes that the greatest struggle for each Christian is to re-learn to trust God every day of one’s life. How do you go about this re-learning? How do you model it for others?

4. How does our “vocation” (where our deep passion meets the world’s deep need) relate to the rest of the things we are and are called to do and be?