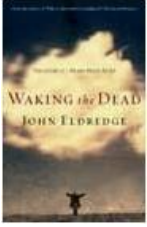


Digging Deeper Question . . .



Waking the Dead: The Glory of a Heart Fully Alive, by John Eldredge

Chapter 2

1. What was your initial response to chapter 3, particularly to the three Eternal Truths that Eldredge identifies?
2. Why all the stories and parables about the timeless truths/ deepest things in life? Is this the best way to reach us/you? Why or why not? According to Eldredge, what is a myth and how does it work? Do you feel it is relevant in your life today?
3. What experiences, if any, have you had that confirm what Eldredge calls Eternal Truth Number One: *There is more going on here [in this life] than meets the eye*” (pp. 26-29)?
4. If there was a parable written with you as the central character, what kind of truth would people learn from it?
5. On page 30, Eldredge asks the question, “Do you think I’m being too dramatic?” in reference to Eternal Truth Number Two: *This world is a war*. What is your opinion—is he in fact being too dramatic? Is the world, church, and/or you individually really at war? If so, what battles are being fought right now, either in your own life, or on a broader scale?
6. On page 32, Eldredge states Eternal Truth Number 3: *We have a crucial role to play*. Before reading this chapter, did you ever consider yourself as someone with a God-given crucial role to play? If so, how did you come to that realization? If not, has reading chapter 2 changed your view and attitude about this? In what way?
7. How would you answer Eldredge’s question at the end of the chapter (p. 35), “Where *is* your heart?” What character(s) in a movie/TV show/story do you most identify with right now in your life that might help you answer this question?