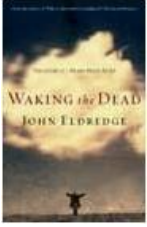


Digging Deeper Question . . .



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

Chapter 4

1. Off the top of your head briefly share the top three words that characterized your understanding of *the Gospel/the Good News* before reading this chapter? What shaped that understanding? How has this practically impacted the way you live out your faith?
2. The cross is a prominent symbol in the Christian faith, but it only represents a part of God's gift to us. What is the other part and why is it so crucial to us as believers?
3. Why do you think the church chose the cross to represent Christianity? What do you think about that?
4. If our hearts are good and we have been transformed as Eldredge teaches, then why do you suppose we still struggle with some of the same sins as before we were Christians? What is God's view of our continuous struggle with sin?
5. Re-read the first full paragraph on p. 62 ("Think of it . . ."). Have you ever had this idea of God and salvation? What about now? Has anything helped you get a new perspective?
6. As followers of Christ, where is the temple of God? Where is the Holy of Holies? According to Eldredge, what do we need to do (p. 68)? What does the evil one think of this? How significant is all this to Christianity? How significant is this to you?
7. Now, after having read this chapter, briefly share the top three words that characterize your understanding of *the Gospel/the Good News*? How will this practically impact the way you live out your faith?