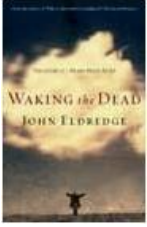


Digging Deeper Question . . .



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

Chapter 5

1. What do you see when you look in a mirror? A too-big nose? Bad hair day? Eyes too close together or too far apart? Now consider what if we were able to look in a mirror and not see our physical appearance, but a reflection of our heart and soul? What would we see then? **Who** would we see?
2. Describe the last time that you felt like, in a big or small way, you “reflect[ed] the Lord’s glory” (see scripture reference on p. 74).
3. Clearly we are not to gloss over sin in our lives, but once we repent of it and receive God’s forgiveness, are we to keep dwelling on it? What percentage of the time would you say you focus on your sins vs. your glory? How do you feel about that percentage and what impact do you think it has on your life?
4. How do you feel about being the center of attention? Do you squirm, head for the nearest closet or do you put on an act that entertains the crowd? What are you most afraid people might see? What would you **like** others to see? What steps can you take to make it happen? Why is it so important to allow glory to shine through you?
5. “Simba finally throws off the veil of shame and self-reproach and goes back to take the kingdom that is rightly his” (p. 81). How would this throwing off of the veil look in your life? What hidden glory does God want to restore in you?
6. Eldredge shares about a backpacking expedition where he asked God, “*What do you think of me, God? Who am I to you?*” (p.85). How did the process he unfolded of hearing from God hit you? Were you able to relate to what he was saying about the doubts he struggled with that he was even hearing from God?
7. Have you experienced times when you wondered if God was talking to you, but then it was quickly shut down? Explain. Commit to taking some time in the next week to ask God the same questions above that Eldredge did and to listen. Recognize anything that quickly comes into your mind to shut down anything do you feel about being the center of attention? Do you squirm, head for the nearest closet or do you put on an act that entertains the crowd? What are you most afraid people might see? What would you **like** others to see? What steps can you take to make it happen? Why is it so important to allow glory to shine through you? positive you are hearing. Process this with someone else or your small group.
8. Do you think that you are afraid of living from your new heart and your glory from God? Discuss.