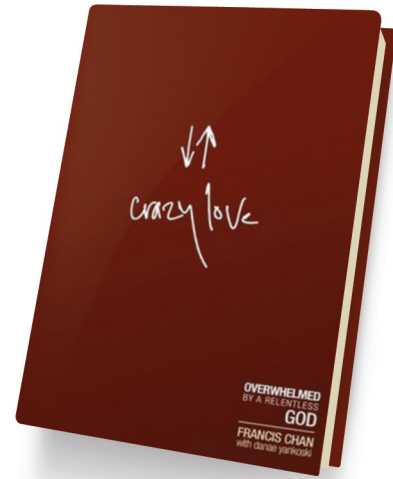




DISCUSSION GUIDE

CRAZY LOVE
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KEY THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Francis Chan writes that there is a spiritual epidemic of amnesia going around—that no matter how amazed we are at the magnificence of God, we easily forget.

1. What are some ways you can rekindle your amazement for God’s power and magnitude?
2. After reading the descriptions of God in Revelation 4 and Isaiah 6, how do you feel about entering the presence of a holy God?

Chan says, “So many of us think and live like the movie of life is all about us ... From start to finish this movie is obviously about God.”

3. In what ways do you need to “get over yourself” to bring glory to God in your life right now?
4. Our lives are brief compared with eternity. How would your life be transformed if you were more aware of how short and fragile your life really is? What would you stop doing? What would you start doing?

Sometimes it’s difficult to understand the extravagant love of God as our Father because we carry baggage from our earthly fathers with us.

5. What are some of the things you’ve had to get past in understanding God’s love for you as your Father?

Chan says, “The greatest good on this earth is God. Period. God’s one goal for us is Himself.”

6. Is this a new concept for you? How does it affect your view of God to know that He treasures you and desires your time and your life?

Chan emphasizes the phrase, “Do not assume you are good soil,” throughout this chapter. He also points out that pursuing God along with “a lot of other things” means that we have thorns in our soil.

7. What are some things that you’re currently pursuing that might be considered thorns—things that are competing for God’s attention in your life?
8. After reading the descriptions of half-hearted Christianity (p. 68-79), which area do you struggle with the most? What are some steps you can take to let go of your lukewarm tendencies in this area and move toward God with stronger passion?

Chan makes the bold statement that lukewarm churchgoers are not Christians.

9. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
10. Can someone be a Christian without actually being a disciple of Jesus?
11. Are you currently giving God your best or would you consider your sacrifices leftovers?
12. What would need to change in your daily routine for you to give God your best?

In chapter 6, Chan asks why so few people genuinely find joy and pleasure in their relationship with God.

13. In your experience, what are the reasons for this truth?
14. How do we break through the barrier of apathy to experience true joy in a relationship with God?

God asks us to test Him—to give more than we can manage and see how He responds. Chan says that nothing has strengthened his faith more than seeing God bless what he has given back.

15. What could you give right now that would test God?

We are no different from the world if we love those who love us back.

16. Are there people who you would consider enemies, people who have hurt you? What could you do to bless them out of your love for Christ?

When we follow the radical teachings of Christ, it often seems that other Christians are sometimes the first to criticize our decisions.

17. Why do you think this is true? When have you experienced this in your own life?

To be obsessed with God means that we are dedicated to His agenda above anything else in our lives.

18. Would you consider yourself “obsessed” with God?

In chapter 9, Chan gives real-life examples of ordinary Christians who have done simple but extraordinary things for God.

19. Which story resonates with you the most? Why?

“Admit Mistakes and Your Stock Goes Up” concerns the tough task of acknowledging your blunders and sharing them with your colleagues (p. 209).

20. After reading through *Crazy Love*, is there something that you believe God might be calling you to do in response?
21. What are some specific life-changes you will make after reading this book?
22. Chan closes the book with the bold reminder that we will all give an account to God. Would you consider yourself ready?