

DINNER WITH A PERFECT STRANGER
ONE-EVENING GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

(version 2)

1. Do you ever wish you could have some sit-down-and-talk time with God? Why? If you could sit down one-on-one with Jesus, what are two questions you would like to ask him?
2. From the characterization in the book, how would you describe Jesus? What kind of person is he? What qualities of his stand out to you the most?
3. Is there such a thing as actual reality? Why is it important for our belief system to correspond to reality? What difference does it make if it does not? What's wrong with saying about someone's belief system that "It's true for them"?
4. How is Christianity distinct from the other primary world views, such as Islam, Hinduism, and atheistic naturalism (the material world is all there is)?
5. How is belief in God not a blind leap of faith? How is belief in Jesus as God in the flesh not a blind leap of faith?
6. On page 28, Jesus makes the statement, "You don't want what you're ultimately trusting to be wrong." What are you ultimately trusting concerning your eternal destiny? How do you know whether you will be with God for all eternity? If you have not received the free gift from God that Jesus explains on page 58, what is keeping you from doing so now?
7. Why isn't God interested in having people try to perform for him? Are you stuck on a performance basis with God, trying to please Him through your own efforts? How does He want you to depend on Him living through you instead?
8. If God's business is restoring relationships, what does he want your response to be toward him? Toward others?
9. What happens to someone on the inside when they place their trust in Jesus Christ?
10. In what sense is marriage "not about rules"? Why can God's relationship with us be described the same way?
11. What are the implications of the fact that God chose to suffer more than his creation suffered?
12. In what way is "God living in you" the best part of the message of Jesus? What difference should it make if God lives in us?

13. Which of the following aspects of the good news of Jesus Christ is most important to you:

- getting your sins forgiven
- being with God in eternity
- have a real relationship with God now
- receiving a changed heart with new desires from God
- God living in you now and forever

14. What is the personal application for you of Revelation 3:20, the Bible verse that the book closes with? How can we dine with Jesus daily?

15. What are action step(s) you would like to take concerning yourself or others as a result of reading this book?