

## **GENTLE AND LOWLY: FULL BOOK DISCUSSION GUIDE**

*This page offers questions for the entire book. It is meant to be used during a one-time book discussion.*

1. If you tried to introduce Jesus to someone who doesn't know Him, how would you describe Him? How has this book changed your description of Jesus?
2. What is life like for the Christian who thinks they are on some performance treadmill?
3. What happens when you think that Jesus is easily impatient with us?
4. How does Jesus' description of himself as "gentle and lowly" challenge your own perceptions of Him?
5. What is an area of your life that you consider too broken for Jesus to restore or to forgive?
6. The book talks about our tendency to be drawn to only part of the character of Jesus: drawn to his grace, for example, rather than his justice. Reread page 28. What direction do you lean? How does that impact your view of the whole truth about who Jesus is?
7. What fears plague you about coming to Jesus? How do those fears demonstrate a misunderstanding of His invitation to come?
8. Think on the phrase used in the KJV: "I will in no wise cast out." Examine Bunyan's list of objections on page 61. Which objections resonate most with you?
9. Consider the Prodigal Son. How does Jesus' story give us insight into His love in the midst of our sin?
10. Reread page 80 to review how Dane Ortland describes Jesus' intercession for us? How do these words describe the fullness of Jesus heart?
11. Take some time to read through Romans 8:28-39. How could the intercession of Christ impact our own time of prayer to our God?
12. Jesus is both judge and advocate. How can this truth cause us to depend on him with greater trust?
13. Discuss the significance of actually living into this quote:  
"Let the heart of Jesus be something that is not only gentle toward you but lovely to you. If I may put it this way: romance the heart of Jesus. . .Why not build in to your life unhurried quiet, where, among other disciplines, you consider the radiance of who he actually is, what animates him, what his deepest delight is? Why not give your soul room to be reenchanting with Christ time and time again?" (page 99)
14. When you think of Jesus' emotions, what story from His life comes most readily to mind?
15. Read through the second paragraph of the Warfield quote on page 111. How does Jesus' righteous wrath bring you confidence of his compassion?
16. How do you read the words, "sheer companionship" on page 118? What does the companionship of Christ look like? What does his friendship look like on your journey?