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A New Book and Excellent Resource

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10-MINUTE DEVOTIONS

Growing in Jesus



Glen A. Huff

Glen Huff, a friend of mine and partner in the Gospel, just published a new book titled *10*

Minute Devotions: Growing in Jesus. I am grateful to have my copy as it is a great resource for me to use personally as well as in small group settings. Each of the 40 devotions were originally written as the text for Glen's 7-10 minute videos that he sends out to his own small group.

I met Glen about 9 years ago when Pastor Deborah Clark invited me to share about John Wesley's Class Meetings. The gathering took place at Glen's house with a large group of Christ followers who were

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Let us 'not give up on meeting together (Hebrews 10:25). Intimate, small-group discussions are essential for growing and strengthening the body of Christ. This book is a tool for that ministry. A modified Wesleyan class-meeting format provides structure for the small groups. Each chapter in the book includes a topic for discussion, citations to related scripture, and questions for introspection. The weekly meeting is opened with prayer, followed by asking the group where they have encountered God in the preceding week. Then the participants discuss the assigned chapter and confidentially share their responses to the questions listed. Prayer closes the meeting. Led by the Holy Spirit, participants grow in understanding their roles as members of the Body of Christ.

GLENN HUFF

Back cover of *10-Minute Devotions*

eager to grow. It was a good time of learning from the Scriptures and the Wesleyan revival. Last year, Glen emailed me when he

saw I was stepping into full time ministry. We've met several times and co-led a small group ministry training event. I'm grateful for his friendship and partnership in the Gospel.

I recommend his book to you and your small group! If you don't have a small group, maybe this will be the resource that helps you step up and start one with a friend or group of friends! The book is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

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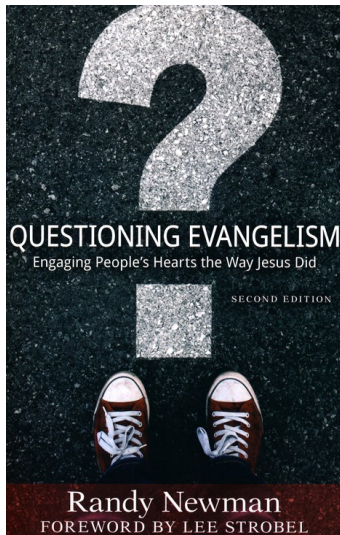
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Online Study Underway! *Questioning Evangelism: Engaging People's Hearts the Way Jesus Did*

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I just began an 8-week online book study to equip people to more effectively share Christ with others. The focus of the study is on learning to ask questions that create deeper dialogue as we share our faith in Christ. There are so many people out there with real questions about God, faith, and life itself. They don't want a sermon. They want to be heard and understood. If they see we really listen to them and care, they often open up and share their deeper questions. A friendly dialogue can pave the way to a new or growing friendship and the opportunity to share the story of Jesus and your own testimony. It is so much better when it is dialogue with mutual sharing.

Jesus often opens new conversations with questions: "Who do people say I am?" "Do you want to get well?" "Will you give me a drink?" "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Do you understand what I have done for you?" "Who are my mother and my brothers?" When we read the Gospels we see how Jesus asked many questions to engage people and sometimes reveal the presumptions behind their questions.

After being asked, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replies, "Why do you call me good?" When asked whether it was right to pay taxes to Caesar, Jesus queries, "Whose image is this?" He refuses to answer the question, "By whose authority do you do these things?" unless his question is first answered, "John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

Jesus also uses questions to confront and reveal things, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?"

The truth is we often want to be heard before hearing others. We usually prefer making statements to asking questions. Think about this though. If someone asks, "If God is perfect and good, why is there so much suffering in the world?" You could jump right into the theological answer, but what is the motive behind the question? Why not answer the question with a question, "That's a great question, what makes you ask that one?" Then you may find out either it's an honest wrestling with the truth or you may learn that this person is suffering and the question is deeply personal. Then you can show empathy and try to help on a different level. It never hurts to say, "That's a good question, why do you ask?" I highly recommend this book!

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