

# Chapters 19-20 - Discussion Questions

## Chapter: "Rich in Mercy" (Chapter 19)

This chapter explores **Ephesians 2:4–5** and the depths of God's mercy shown to sinners through Christ.

### Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean that God is not just merciful, but "rich in mercy"? How is that different than being merely occasionally merciful?
- How does understanding God's mercy affect the way you view your sin and your relationship with Him?
- Dane Ortlund says, "We don't come to a God who is tightfisted with mercy." How does that statement challenge your assumptions about God's heart?
- What happens when we try to approach God based on merit instead of mercy?
- How does Ephesians 2:4–5 shape your understanding of your salvation?
- In what ways can we mirror God's mercy in how we treat others?

## Chapter: "Our Law-ish Hearts, His Lavish Heart" (Chapter 20)

This chapter highlights how our hearts tend to default toward **legalism** and suspicion of grace, while Christ's heart overflows with **lavish mercy**.

### Discussion Questions:

- What does Ortlund mean by our hearts being "law-ish"? Have you ever noticed that tendency in your own spiritual life?
- How does Jesus' heart differ from ours when it comes to extending grace and mercy?
- Why is it often easier to believe God is disappointed in us rather than delighted to forgive us?
- How might deeply believing in Jesus' lavish heart for you change your daily walk with Him?

- What are some examples of ways we can unknowingly live under a “law-ish” mindset in the church or in personal discipleship?
- How does Jesus’ lavish heart invite you to rest instead of strive?