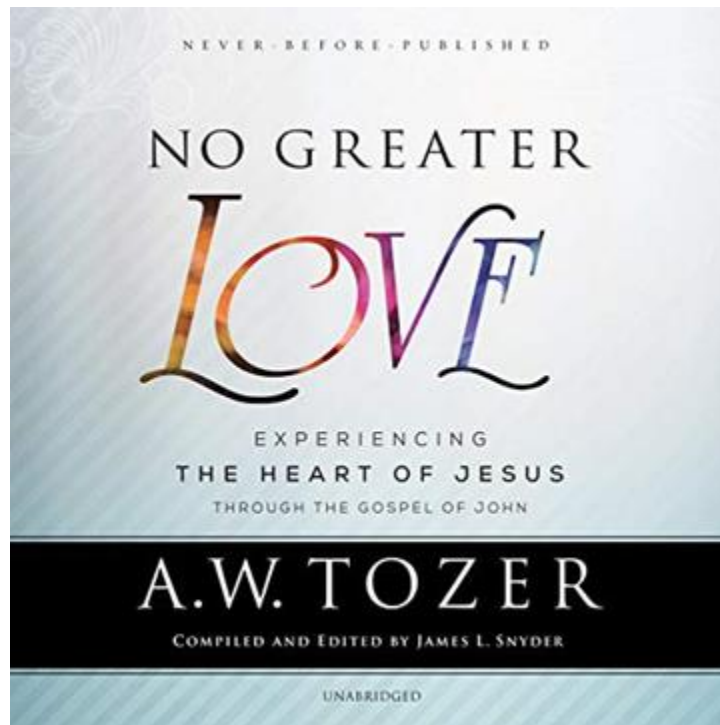


Personal or Group Study Guide

For Reflection & Discussion

NO GREATER LOVE



EXPERIENCING THE HEART OF JESUS

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Introduction

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Experiencing the Heart of Jesus

Many people think that love is a sentimental or emotional thing, not stopping to ponder and to explore the true depths and meaning of it. This could be the reason that the subject does not receive the attention and importance it is due.

When A.W. Tozer dealt with a subject, he would take it on directly and honestly, with a point blank way of communicating. This is what so many people appreciated about his teachings. Whether they were in agreement or not, they would have to acknowledge his sincerity of heart and fervent spirit. Within this book, are segments of his many insightful observations of God's love for us drawn from the Gospel of John.

The sermons that make up this book were preached during the latter part of his life. What Tozer says about John 3:16 reveals much about his own character and nature. It was so important to him, that it produced a burden of God's love so strongly that lasted throughout his entire life.

One phrase Tozer uses that is so powerful is, *"I am the most important person in God's eyes."* This statement is true for everyone who has a heart of love for the Savior. Jesus sees each one of us as His treasure and crown. It is a powerful statement because it causes one to realize how valuable we truly are to God. If we really could understand the love that God has for us and what that really means, it would transform our lives forever. As you get more and more into this book, you will be fascinated by the awesomeness of God's love and how that love is channeled to each one of us individually.

Tozer believed that the laws of religion were keeping people from experiencing the love of God. It was true in Jesus' day when He had to deal with the Pharisees and Scribes, and true in our day with some current religious leaders. Knowing the meaning of Scripture is not the same as experiencing the truth of the Word of God. This was Tozer's passion: *"What good does it do to know the truth, if you have not experienced the Truth?"*

Another interesting element in this book is Tozer's discussion of the unpardonable sin. He gives Christians a wonderful definition about what it is, and how we can deal with and understand it. This has been an important issue and has caused much confusion and misgivings within the Christian community. Tozer brings understanding on this important topic.

The result that Tozer would desire from this book is for you to come away with having had an experience with the truth as he expresses it, and through the power of the Holy Spirit you will be different than when you began this book.

James L. Snyder.

Chapter 1

CHRIST'S FOCUSED LOVE

O Father, the love of Christ is the most amazing thing that I could ever experience. I praise You Jesus, that You have focused Your love on me and brought me into Your kingdom. May my life daily give testimony of Your love. Amen.

Marvel not that I said unto you, you must be born again. (John 3:7)

This scripture in the opening of the third chapter of John is an account of factual reporting. Jesus is saying in John 3:11, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, we speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and you receive not our witness.”* Here our Lord is reporting to you what He knows and what He has seen. Jesus understood that many people would not accept His report.

1. What was Jesus' explanation to Nicodemus when he asked, “How can these things be?” (Pg.14 P3)
2. What are the two main reasons that people reject and do not believe what Jesus is telling them? (Bot. Pg.14) Explain:
3. There are two heads of the human race. What are they? Within these two heads are basic contrasts. What are they? (Based upon 1 Cor. 15:44-45?) *Read & Discuss (Pg15)
4. How does the second Adam, which is Jesus Christ, see us according to 2 Corinthians 5:17?
5. These two human races co-exist in the world. Describe these two kingdoms and what is the effect upon the world because of it? (Pg. 16 P2-3) **Read & Discuss
6. There are two kingdoms co-existing: the kingdom of the _____ and the kingdom of the _____, which is also called the kingdom of _____. (Pg. 16 P4)

7. *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit.”* (John 3:5-6) Tozer believed in the universal brotherhood of fallen man and the fatherhood of God. Explain: (Pg. 17)

8. There are two kingdoms: the kingdom of the flesh inhabited by Adam’s descendants, and the kingdom of the Spirit. Describe what these kingdom look like upon the earth. (Pg. 18)

9. The kingdom of the Spirit is similar in appearance to the kingdom of the flesh, but how are they different? What are the things that unite us and make the kingdom of the Spirit undivided? (Pg. 19) Your thoughts and Comments;

“There is a birth that makes us flesh, puts us into the body of Adam, and makes us inhabitants of the kingdom of Adam. There is also a birth, which is of the Spirit that puts us into the kingdom of God and makes God our Father, and Christ our head. That which is born of the flesh remains flesh, and that which is of the Spirit has another destiny altogether.” A.W.T.

10. What is the destiny of the twice born? (Pg. 20 P3) What is the destiny of the fallen race of Adam? (Pg. 20 P4)

11. We live on two levels at once. What are they? *Explain. (Bot. Pg. 20)

“In this kingdom of God, I have the ability to receive from Christ the love He has for me. I must understand that the focus of all of God’s love is on His people, because they are the ones who can receive it and believe it.” A.W.T

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