

Crazy Love – Study Guide

Chapter 2: You Might Not Finish This Chapter

Life is Just a Vapor

While reading this chapter, there was one sentence that stuck out. Francis Chan said, “Frankly, you need to get over yourself.” My guess is that he needed to be blunt because we live in a world that coddles us and makes us think that we are in the center of the universe. We are not, but God is. We need to remember that our lives are ultimately not in our control, they are in God’s. If God desired, He could take you home today. When we realize that, it puts our lives and who we are in perspective.

For Your Mind

1. Write down the main point of the chapter.
 - a.
2. Read James 4:13-17.
 - a. Who is speaking in verse 13?
 - b. What important piece is missing from this business proposal in verse 13?
 - c. James responds in verse 14 by speaking about life. What is our life like?
 - d. In verse 15, what must be included into our plans?
 - e. In verses 16 and 17, what are the two sins James addresses?
3. What is “worry” and “stress”? Why are these two things sinful?
4. How do God’s attributes of His sovereignty and He being creator relate to one another?

For Your Heart

5. Let’s say you have a free evening and you have options to fill your time: Option #1 – Turn on the TV and watch; Option #2 – Take care of the bills and housecleaning; Option #3 – Surfing and shopping on the Internet; or Option #4 – Spending time with God reading and thinking about Him. Which one would you choose, which one would you *really* choose? What does that say about your heart?

6. When Francis talks about just being alone with God, how do you respond to those words? Can you relate? Do you walk with God, intimately and regularly? Or are your experiences with God usually mediated by something or someone (books, sermons, pastor's voice, fellowship, etc.)?

7. Think about some people in your life who have died abruptly. What were some of their achievements in life and what were their regrets?

For Your Life

8. Name one person in your life who lives as if each day is his or her last. What is this person's effect on people around him or her? Does living that way make him or her seem, well, different? Why?

9. If today was the day you died, what would you regret and why? What can you change about your life today to avoid those regrets?

Challenge for the Week

Go to www.crazylovebook.com

On the left hand side of the webpage, click on "Videos". (Psst, remember this because we'll be coming back here throughout our study.)

Then, click on "The Awe Factor of God" and watch the video.

After you watch the video take some time to reflect and then write a sentence, a paragraph, a page after these two prompts:

1. God is . . .
2. I am . . .
3. Now re-read what you wrote from the two prompts above. What's your response? Are you amazed that God wants to be in fellowship with us? Are you amazed at how you live your "me" centered life? Did that video lead you to worshiping God?