

## ***Crazy Love* – Study Guide**

### **Chapter 4: Profile of the Lukewarm**

#### **Crazy Love Logo**

Have you taken a look at the cover of your book? Have you really taken a look at the cover of your book, specifically the two arrows pointed in different directions? This logo appears 26 times on the cover and within the book (I was curious). Most of the time logos convey a message or has a meaning. The same goes for the two arrows. Any thoughts on what the *Crazy Love* logo means? The two arrows represent the relationship that God has with a child of His. God shows His love to His child through the sending of His Son to live, die, and be resurrected on this earth. When a child of God receives the love found in Jesus Christ, he now lives a life that is lived solely pointed to God's glory.

On page 179, there is a conversation with Francis. The first question asks Francis to tell us about the title *Crazy Love*. He responds with the following:

The idea of *Crazy Love* has to do with our relationship with God. All of my life I've heard people say, "God loves you." It's probably the most insane statement you could make to say that the eternal Creator of this universe is in love with me. There is a response that ought to take place in believers, a crazy reaction to that love. Do you really understand what God has done for you? If so, why is your response so lukewarm?

Hopefully the first three chapters have awakened our awe of how great and grand our God is! If we have an accurate picture of God, then it will help us have an accurate picture of who we are. Chapters 7 through 10 will now be focused on examining yourself. At times this will not be easy, but remember God's grace. It is His grace that will allow us to be transformed. Also remember that you are on an adventure of seeing how God is going to use your changed and "on fire" life!

\*Before reading this chapter, get onto the Internet and go to the Crazy Love website, hit the "videos" section and watch "Chapter 4."

#### **For Your Mind**

1. Write down the main point of the chapter.
  - a.
2. Beginning with page 68 there are 18 lukewarm descriptions. Pick and choose 6 of them and summarize what a lukewarm person looks like or lives like, then write down one verse and summarize what the verse is saying (you may have to look at the verses before and after to have a better understanding).

- a. #1 – Lukewarm people . . .
  - i. Verse:
- b. #2 – Lukewarm people . . .
  - i. Verse:
- c. #3 – Lukewarm people . . .
  - i. Verse:
- d. #4 – Lukewarm people . . .
  - i. Verse:
- e. #5 – Lukewarm people . . .
  - i. Verse:
- f. #6 – Lukewarm people . . .
  - i. Verse:

### **For Your Heart**

- 3. Read and discuss a verse with your group that jumped out at you from this week's chapter.
- 4. Look at question #2 and the six characteristics of a lukewarm person. Some of you may have chosen the first six, but I am assuming some of you chose the six that were most meaningful to you. Out of the six you chose, pick two or three of them and reflect how they are part of your life. Take time to meditate on the verse(s) that correspond to the lukewarm characteristic. Ask yourself for each characteristic, "Why am I acting like that?" Repent and ask God to forgive you.

### **For Your Life**

- 5. Look at question #4 and look at the two or three areas where you are lukewarm in. Think what you can do to make changes in those areas. Write down what you will do to change your lukewarm life for each characteristic.
  - a. #1:
  - b. #2:
  - c. #3:

6. Turn in your book to page 66. Read Matthew 13:44 and the next two paragraphs. Remind yourself of the wonderful gift of Jesus Christ in your life. Write down a prayer expressing your love for Him.

### **Challenge for the Week**

Look at question #5 and pick one lukewarm characteristic to focus on this week. Spend 15-20 minutes getting to the heart of this lukewarm characteristic.

1. Identify the main sin of this lukewarm characteristic.
2. Find verses that combat this lukewarm characteristic. You can look in a study Bible, a concordance, by asking a mature Christian.
3. Pray, asking God to help you to battle this sin.
4. Think of one or two tangible things you can do this week to help you fight against this lukewarm characteristic. It may mean fasting one meal, getting up early one morning to pray, getting home early to spend an afternoon walking outside and talking with your child about God. Be creative in your application.