

Chapter 2 Reflection Questions: Christ Our Pattern - The Posture of the Christian

- 1. "Happiness is from happenings but joy is found in Jesus." How has this time of difficulties, changes, or disappointments (because of the quarantine) revealed this truth in your life?
- 2. Guaranteed joy = Jesus, Others, You Guaranteed misery = You, Others, Jesus

Are you habitually placing Jesus first or yourself first? (Is Jesus the center of your life and home?) If you are placing yourself first, what changes can you make? Commit this to prayer.

3. "Sin severs our connection to Jesus." Did the Holy Spirit convict you of any sin you need to confess?

4. "Is Jesus enough for you? Put Him to the test. He will surprise you, He will never let you down. When you have Jesus, you have all you need." Through the losses we've experienced during this time (even the "loss" of in-person fellowship, for example), have you been surprised by Christ's sufficiency? Comment on your experience (or your desire to experience) of Jesus being *enough*.

5. Fill in the blank: To me to live is _____. What do you want more than anything? Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in you so that you might be able to say with Paul, "To live is Christ!"

6. What are you "spilling over?" Do you "spill" more of Christ or more of yourself? Be mindful of this as you go about your day and commit it to prayer.

7. Currently, you may be experiencing "intense relationships" due to the quarantine and everyone being under the same roof for extended periods of time! Consider this truth: "People can never take your joy because people didn't give your joy to you!" Are you allowing people to affect your joy? Commit this area to prayer.

8. Karen repeatedly mentioned the need to read the Word of God! She shared that the truth found in God's Word should be above our personal opinions. Do you have opinions that you need to submit to the authority of God's Word?

9. Have you, or are you continuing to, make sacrifices (willingly or unwillingly) because of our current situation? How can comparing your sacrifices to the sacrifice Christ made on the cross affect your attitude about the sacrifices in your daily life?

10. Are you in a habit of complaining? If so, confess that to the Lord. What do your complaints reveal about your heart? Spend time with the Lord so He can purify your heart and replace your complaints with praise.