



As Light Lingers

Basking in the
Word of God.

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Chapter 1

The Unwrapped Gift

- 1 What role has the Bible played in your life, generally?
- 2 Can you relate to any of the thoughts on page 19 about why people don't read the Bible? If so, which ones?
- 3 On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate your relationship with God right now?
- 4 Do you have any initial thoughts in response to the two questions on pages 20 and 21? (How might you bask in God's Word... enjoying time with Him? Do you linger with God? Do you stay with Him longer than what seems necessary because of a reluctance to leave?)

Chapter 2

Enemy Lines

- 1 In what ways can you relate to the story of Kukla the cat?
- 2 Have you felt Satan's #1 strategy in your life, and him seeking to keep you away from your Bible? What does this look like in your life? What are your greatest distractions?
- 3 If you are a busy parent, how might you restructure a small portion of your day, to have time to spend with God?
- 4 What other part of this chapter resonates with you?

Chapter 3

The Power of the Word

- 1 How do you know where to look in the Bible for advice about everyday challenges and joys?
- 2 Have you ever experienced a direct message from God through reading His Word?
- 3 What is more of a challenge to you: trusting that God's Word is true, or coming to the Bible in humility and surrender, ready for God to speak?
- 4 When has your heart been moved because of something you've personally discovered in the Bible?

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Approaching the Word

- 1 Let's think about this honestly... How do you usually approach the Bible? What are your thoughts about the relevancy of this Book?
- 2 Has the Bible ever directly challenged you or confronted you about something personal, or the status of your relationship with God?
- 3 What most challenged you from this chapter? What was your greatest take-away?

Chapter 5

Lingering Light: God and You

- 1 Do you remember receiving your first Bible? Share about this experience (or about giving a Bible to someone else.)
- 2 In what ways can you relate to the questions on page 53 when it comes to Bible study?
- 3 What might you be able to do to make more time to bask in God's Word? Why do you think time is often the greatest challenge?
- 4 Do you tend to read or study the Bible (based on the definition on page 57)? How could you extend yourself in this area?

Chapter 6

Ways to Study Your Bible

- 1 Do you know any parents who intentionally teach their children how to study their Bibles? What do they do?
- 2 On page 64, there are some interesting statistics about those who have a biblical worldview. Do you have a biblical worldview, and what might this look like in your everyday life?
- 3 There are six Bible study methods shared in this chapter. Which of these have you tried? Which one is your personal favourite?
- 4 From the suggestions about how to keep Bible study vibrant (page 82), which idea appeals to you the most?
- 5 Why do you think sharing what you've discovered in your Bible study might be important?

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Digging in as a Couple or Family

- 1 When things get difficult at home or in your relationships, how likely are you to turn to God and His Word?
- 2 Consider the questions at the top of page 89, and share your responses with a friend.
- 3 Have you tried the POP cards? If so, what was your experience like?
- 4 What might you do for worship in your home (with your spouse or children) to make it more meaningful?

Chapter 8

Sap, Growth and Dead Branches

- 1 Have you ever been in a vineyard or grown grapes? If so, what did you notice?
- 2 Reread John 15:1-16. What most stands out to you from Jesus' words in this passage? Is there something new?
- 3 Reflect on the questions on page 97 (Accept and Act). What is your honest response?
- 4 Has there been a time in your life when you have resisted the Holy Spirit? Has there been a time in your life when you may have looked like you're abiding but you've actually been quite dried up, spiritually? What did you do to "grow" again?
- 5 How can we take encouragement from the fact that God prunes us all, at times in our lives?

Chapter 9

Into Eternity

- 1 What three key messages might God be wanting you to notice from Isaiah 55?
- 2 In looking back over the past few weeks, have you been spending more time lingering with God in His Word? If so, what things have changed in your life?
- 3 Are you willing to covenant with God to bask in His Word more into the future? If so, what might that look like?

*I*t's too easy to let one day, and then another, slip by without spending time with the One who created the days and who gives us our time. It's too easy to fill our lives so completely full of all the important things, while subconsciously dismissing the most important thing – spending time with our loving God who wants to be close to us.

Jesus waits patiently for us to meet with Him, to seek Him in His Word. The Bible is living, powerful and alive! It can speak to our heart and soul, and our needs, today. And the devil uses every possible device to keeping us away from reading the Bible – whether through apathy, business, doubt, or tiredness. This, I believe, is his number one strategy to weaken the lives of Christians today.

Perhaps you've asked these questions: When I open my Bible, where do I start? How can I meaningfully bask in God's Word? Is there any difference between reading and studying my Bible? How can I know the Person behind the words on the pages in my Bible?

Whether you are a teenager, a professional, dating, married, or a tired parent, you will find encouragement, advice, and practical strategies in this book. May you come and see how basking in the power of God's Word will make you want to linger with God - because time with Him is so sweet.

"As Light Lingers is deeply moving as well as practical and is sure to revive your Bible study time! Nina Atcheson has obviously been gifted by the Holy Spirit in her writing of this beautiful book. I used my highlighter often while reading and was convicted afresh of my own need of a much deeper experience in God's Word. I look forward to sharing this resource widely!"

- Melody Mason, best-selling author of
Daring to Ask for More: Divine Keys to Answered Prayer



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