

ONE BOOK, ONE PARISH BOOK STUDY

Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe



ADULT FAITH QUESTIONS: (Week 3 – Chapters 9 - 12)

Group Discussion:

- 1) What are beliefs about your identity and relationships that perhaps haven't been explicitly stated but you have imagined (reference page 95 – Edmund)?
- 2) If you bring attention to your thoughts about Edmund, do you find that you classify him as “nasty” like his behaviors? When you think about Edmund's behaviors as a reaction to the temptation of the Turkish Delight, does that change your thoughts of him? What does it feel like to have compassion for Edmund rather than condemnation?
- 3) Father Christmas's gifts are tools not dissimilar to the armor of God from Ephesians 6: 13-17*. Discuss why each tool was given to the recipient. How do they match their personalities and gifts?
- 4) There can be no Christmas without Easter. Describe how this may define why the party is joyful but solemn at the arrival of Father Christmas.
- 5) Why do you think Aslan stops the others from helping Peter fight Maugrim?

Reflection Questions:

- 1) When facing a sin or temptation, what reasons (or as Edmund had) excuses for proceeding into sin or temptation? (reference page 97)
- 2) Where have you settled for dry bread from the enemy instead of the banquet God is offering to you?
- 3) What is an example of a way you could have compassion for yourself instead of condemning?

Quotes:

“But now that the children stood looking at him they didn't find it quite like that. He was so big, and so glad, and so real, that they all became still. They felt very glad, but also very solemn.” C.S. Lewis (referencing the arrival of Father Christmas)

“All shall be done,” said Aslan. “But it may be harder than you think.” – Aslan (C.S. Lewis)

* ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” (Ephesians 6: 13-17)