

ADORNED

Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS — Chapter 10

Chapter 10: Taste of Heaven (pp. 204-229)

1. What challenged or encouraged you the most from this chapter?
2. Read p. 207. “God cares about what happens inside the walls of our houses.” Why do you think we sometimes separate our spiritual lives from our daily home lives?
3. How can those who are not in the “young wife and mom” season still live out and “adorn the gospel of Christ on the home front” (p. 208)?
4. The text breaks down the Greek words *oikourgos* (one who works at home) and *oikouros* (keeping/guarding the home), conveying the meaning of being actively engaged and having a heart for the home (p. 209).

How does shifting our definition of “homemaker” from a 1950s stereotype to a “guardian and worker of the home” change your view of this role? What does it look like practically to “guard” your home today?

5. The author notes on pp. 211-215 that no one has unlimited bandwidth. Younger women in the child-rearing season must be particularly careful that outside activities—even good ones—don’t lead to neglecting their primary commitments.

Why is it so difficult to say “no” to good opportunities (like church ministries, hobbies, or extra work shifts) when they threaten our capacity at home (pp. 214-215)? How can we determine if a current pursuit is right for us but wrong for our current season?

6. How could you encourage a woman to maintain a “heart for home” even when she is needs to work demanding hours outside of it? What scripture(s) apply to this situation?
7. In *Adorned* pp. 219-221, a woman is described who resisted “domesticity” and turned her focus to more fulfilling ministry activities outside the home. Her marriage crumbled as a result. Read Colossians 3:23 and Proverbs 4:23.

When women are constantly escaping or neglecting their home responsibilities, how is this a symptom of a deeper heart issue?

8. “God Himself is a homemaker” (p. 221).
“At the heart of the gospel, at the heart of the cross, is the Lord Jesus opening His arms wide and saying, ‘I want you to come Home with me’” (p. 222).
Nancy describes herself as having “found family” in others’ homes as well as her own (pp. 225-227).

Read Romans 12:9-13. How can we use our homes as a practical way of putting love into action?

9. Read Luke 10:38-42 and John 12:1-8. In light of what we’ve read about having a heart for home, what is the key element in these passages?

✓ Application

How am I going to put into practice what I learned this week?

My commitment this week:

My verse to memorize this week (see p. 204).