



Discussion Questions

1. What part of the bunk-bed story felt most familiar to you, and why is it often easier to blame the “manufacturer” than admit we may be wrong?
2. In Luke 7:29–35, what contrasting responses do the tax collectors and religious leaders have toward God?
3. Why do the religious leaders reject John and Jesus for opposite reasons? What does that contradiction reveal about their actual problem?
4. What is the difference between genuine discernment and “moving the goalposts” to avoid an uncomfortable truth?
5. Have you ever criticized both an approach and its opposite because you did not want to receive the underlying message? What helped you recognize it?
6. Why can correction feel like rejection? How does Jesus being called “a friend of sinners” change the way we receive correction from Him?
7. The religious leaders used true observations about John and Jesus but interpreted them in the least charitable way possible. Where are you tempted to do that with someone else?
8. What conditions are you tempted to place after the sentence, “Jesus, I will trust and obey You as long as...”?
9. Where might God currently be asking you to surrender your verdict and simply acknowledge, “God is right”?
10. What is one concrete act of obedience you can take this week to tear up the script you have been asking Jesus to follow?