

JESUS BRAND SPIRITUALITY STUDY QUESTIONS

BIBLICAL DIMENSION

Chapters Seven & Eight

If you are discussing these questions in a group, you may want to refer to the *Discussion Ground Rules* for guidance. These can be found in the appendix or on www.jesusbrandspirituality.com.

1. The Bible can be an inspiring and intimidating book. What are the things about the Bible, as you understand it, that either inspire or intimidate you, or both?
2. What do you think of the idea that there is a common thread or unifying theme that runs throughout the Bible? What was your response to the author's attempt to tell the story of the Bible in five short acts [see pp. 135–44]? Did you find it helpful (or not) and if so, how?
3. Have you ever personally identified with someone's story in the Bible? What was it, and how did it move you?
4. How do you think Jesus' understanding or treatment of Scripture differed from his contemporaries?
5. The author thinks that we've underestimated the power of story as a means to convey truth. What do you think about this perspective? How have stories helped you engage the truth in ways that other ways of truth-telling haven't?
6. What are your thoughts on the tension between the certainty we crave and the idea that our knowing is always partial, at best? Have you ever found yourself acknowledging less certainty than you once had concerning a matter of faith or spirituality?