

Daughter of Zion

Questions for Personal Reflection and Online/Group Discussion

SESSION 2: DEMISE

1. Describe the 'best days' of your life. As you reflect in the Lord's presence, do you sense you are in the process of going from 'glory to glory,' or has the 'glory become dim?'
2. The Daughter of Zion was 'loaded with guilt.' Does that resonate with you in a specific way?
3. God pleads with the Daughter of Zion to 'wash and make yourself clean.' How have you tried to clean up your life? How effective has that been?
4. Did you relate to the words, 'the real you is getting lost in the muck?' Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the 'real you.' (or, if you are in a group, ask Him to show you a picture for someone in your group). What do you see?
5. God persistently and tenderly pleads with the Daughter of Zion to come back to Him. Have you ever sensed God calling you in a similar way? Write out His appeal to you, and your response to Him.

LONELINESS & ISOLATION

1. Is there a season of life that you have found particularly lonely?
2. In what context do you feel most isolated or alone? What do you long for in terms of companionship?
3. Consider the passions and gifting God has placed in you. Who has supported you as you sought to live them out?
4. To what extent has loneliness in living out your calling or faith been difficult for you?
5. Which of these phrases evokes the greatest response in you: 'An epidemic of loneliness in our generation;' or 'a generation of under-mothered children?' Why do you think that is?
6. Describe a time in your life when God felt most near to you OR when He seemed most distant or aloof.
7. How would you describe the spiritual atmosphere where you live?
8. How confident are you about hearing/discerning the voice of God? What is the last thing God clearly spoke to you?
9. Some people do not believe that God speaks to individuals today. How might that perspective affect your sense of God's presence in your life?