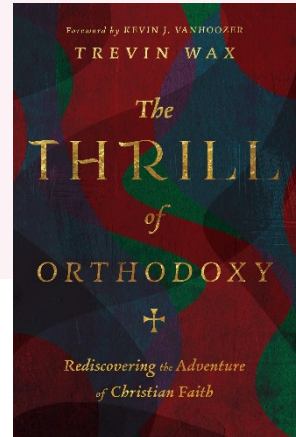




PARTICIPANT GUIDE

THE THRILL OF ORTHODOXY BY TREVIN WAX



"The way forward is to reach back, to find renewal in something old - foundational truths tested by time, a fount of goodness that refreshes and satisfies, long forgotten beauty from the past that lifts our eyes above the suffering and sorrow of the present... What the church needs today is to recapture the thrill of orthodoxy."

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Q. What was most enlightening while reading 'The Thrill of Orthodoxy'? How did your understanding of orthodoxy grow while reading this book?

2

Q. Trevin discusses the importance of church creeds and confessions, and reminds us that splitting "creeds and deeds" negatively impacts orthodoxy. Have you ever focused too much on one and not the other? How can we better find a balance?

3

Q. In chapter 2, 'Drifting from Orthodoxy', we see four characters in a 'danger of drifting' story. Could you see yourself in any of these people? If so, how could you prevent yourself from drifting? (p33).

4

Q. Trevin says, "We will all be rooted in something. It's important that something... doesn't change with every new movement or era." Discuss the importance of holding to "old truths" (p18).

5

Q. Discuss how boundaries in orthodoxy are freeing, while heresy is limiting.

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Q. Trevin admits to mistakingly believing heresy about the Trinity. Can you think of a heresy you have believed? How was your wrong thinking corrected?

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Q. Discuss the role of humility and prayer in maintaining the thrill of orthodoxy.

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Q. Augustine said, "Christians are to stand against the world for the good of the world". Discuss the tension between speaking the truth in love and avoidance for peacekeeping. Have you experienced conflict while sharing your faith?

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Q. "We are sinners in need of salvation, not merely sufferers in need of self-help". Discuss.

10

Q. "The word 'theology' means 'the study of God'. Can there be any greater subject than this?" (p66). How do you intend to study theology moving forward?

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