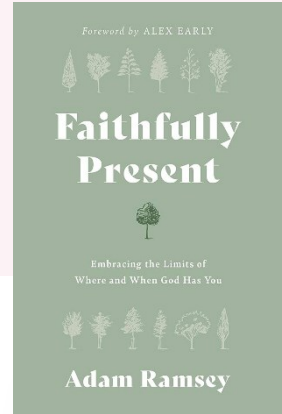




PARTICIPANT GUIDE

FAITHFULLY PRESENT
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"Every one of us wants... to be faithfully present and fully alive to God, right here and right now, with every part of our lives."

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Q. In the Foreword, Alex Early says, "A distracted life is a kind of death before death. A present life is life before Life." (p9). Before reading this book, would you have described yourself as being fully present to the life you've been given? What has changed since reading this book?

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Q. How did Adam's blunt quote, "you are not that big a deal, and you're going to die soon" make you feel? Do you find peace in knowing you are not God?

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Q. In chapter one, 'Times: Chronos and Kairos', Adam shares the quote "The clock made us into time-keepers, and then time savers, and now time-servers" (p33). Do you agree? Discuss our changing relationship with time throughout history. What did you find most interesting?

4

Q. Adam says that every stage of life has its "limited-edition gifts." What stage of life and season are you in right now? Is there a specific joy God has woven into this unique season?

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Q. Discuss the quote, "Prayer is to the waiting person, what air is to the drowning person" (p54). When have you experienced a season of waiting? How did God prove Himself to be the "God of the in-between times." (p51)?

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Q. In chapter five, "Hurry", Adam reminds us that "sanctification happens at walking pace" (p62). Do you agree? Have you tried to intentionally slow down and live at a "pace of love" (p63)?

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Q. "Memory is fundamental to our very identity: the link between our past experiences and our present consciousness" (p81). Discuss nostalgia and regret. How are they different? How are they similar?

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Q. Adam says that God has given us three aspects of place that locate us; geography, our bodies, and our relationships. Discuss the quote by Wendell Berry, "No matter how much one may love the world as a whole, one can live fully in it only by living responsibly in some small part of it" (p111).

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Q. Turn to page 135, and look at the graph. Would you say it is accurate for your life? How might God be calling you to prioritise your relationships right now?

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Q. "And home with God is where each and every one of us who loves Jesus is heading" (p152). How can maintaining an eternal perspective, help us live *Faithfully Present* right now?



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