

our purpose: as men we seek to fuel the fire of our **DESIRE** for Christ

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our text: *Living the Cross Centered Life* (C. J. Mahaney)

Q – (p. 9) The center of God’s plan in redemption is to save who?

Q – (p. 10) The author of LTCCL wants to celebrate what? Why would he want to “celebrate” such an awful thing as that?

Q – (p. 13) In our first session we talked about the central importance of desire, the engine of the soul, the core of our being. How does the quote from John Stott fit, hand in glove, with our previous discussion about desire?

Q – (p. 16) On the top of page 15 the author says we should be passionate about the _____ and then on the following page list 3 things that can “draw us away” from a passion for it. What are these 3 things and how have you seen them do just that?

Q – (p. 17) What quote does the author ask us to “read slowly”?

Q – (p. 21) What “is never more amazing when I’m [or we are] looking at the cross”? How does that important word make you feel?

Q – (p. 23-26) If you were writing a study guide what question would you pen for the rest of us from your reading on pages 23-26?

Q – (p. 30) The author states that _____ is the “key to joy, to growth, to passion.” Would he have expressed the full impact of the gospel on us if he had left out the words “joy” and/or “passion”? What affect does the gospel have on a man’s enjoyment of Christ?