



so? If not, why not?

6. Why isn't partial payment enough? Jesus continually asks us to *lay down and join up*, so to speak. Why can't we *pack up and join up*? Why can't we share loyalty between Christ and other affections and possessions?
  
7. Have you ever owned anything that became an obsession, or a problem? Have you ever owned something that eventually owned you? What did you do? What will you do?
  
8. Have you ever been in a relationship that vied with Christ for the affections of your heart? Have you had relationships that stoked and encouraged your relationship with Christ? What are the differences that make them so?
  
9. A steward is different than an owner. What are the intrinsic differences?
  
10. Do you find the notion of being a steward, rather than an owner, easy or difficult? Rewarding or frustrating? Why?

11. When it comes to the “spiritual service of worship,” which is “presenting our bodies as living sacrifices,” are you ever a holdout? What is tough to relinquish?

12. Does the hope of heaven affect your approach to life? How?

For the hardcore group:

*See again this quote from C.S. Lewis, **Mere Christianity**. What is he trying to say? How does this make you respond or feel? How does God respond to our “half-measures” and our reticence about handing over “the whole natural self?” And why our reticence? Are we afraid? Untrusting? Controlling? Proud? Unpracticed? Confused?*

*“The Christian way is different: harder, and easier. Christ says, “Give me All. I don’t want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good. I don’t want to cut off a branch here and a branch there, I want to have the whole tree down. Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked – the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own shall become yours.”*

