

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 18 THE DISCIPLE AND UNBELIEVERS

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CHAPTER 20 THE CONCLUSION

Note: The two different set of page numbers after each question refer first to the green Collier Books edition and then second to the vanilla Touchstone Books edition.

Notes on the Chapters:

On p. 203/183 is the Greek word ἀπλοῦς meaning “single-minded.” On p. 205/185 is the French phrase *tout comprendre c’est tout pardonner* meaning “to understand all is to forgive all.” On p. 215/193 are several Greek phrases: Πας ὁ λέων meaning “all who say” and then ἅλλ ὁ ποιων meaning “all who do.” There is also Ὁ λέγων meaning “he who says.”

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1. How does the Christian avoid a “superior attitude”? (p. 203/p. 183)
2. How does Bonhoeffer think it possible to love the sinner and yet hate the sin? Is he convincing here? (p. 204-205/p. 184)
3. How should Christians see their neighbors? (p. 206/p. 185)
4. What’s the difference between the gospel and ideology? (p. 207/p. 186)

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5. What creates the separation between the world and the Church? (p. 211/p. 190)
6. Bonhoeffer says twice that a person may not know that he or she is a “false prophet” or a “nominal” Christian? Is that true? How then can we tell whether if we’re true disciples? (pp. 213-214/pp. 191-192)
7. What is the “crucial question”? (p. 217/p. 195)

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8. What does Bonhoeffer mean when he says we shouldn’t interpret the Sermon on the Mount, just obey it? (p. 219/p. 196-197)