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Dr. Del Tackett is our Tour Guide through The Engagement Project. This Go Deeper is a Study Guide of key points and questions from Tour Eight. This includes both thoughts and questions presented by Dr. Del Tackett, as well as additional questions to go along with this Tour. The verses throughout the Study Guide are from Tour Eight to be used for group/family discussion and to have them easily accessible for continued study, reminders and producing fruit of your own.

The Engagement: The Royal Sacrifice

Dr. Del Tackett begins by reminding the group (and us) they have signed the waiver stating: "Gazing upon the face of God can be dangerous; you can lose yourself. I will not run away from the face of God". Dr. Del Tackett says we must return to the Epoch of Redemption over and over again, and draw closer to Him to understand who He is and the depth of what He has done for us.

Dr. Del Tackett asked "What keeps us from loving our neighbors or why do we seem to ignore this task?". Some of the possible reasons he gives are: Ignorance (we didn't know), Lies and Counterfeits, and Selfishness.

- Are any of those keeping you from loving your neighbor?
 - If so, in what way?
 - What can you do to change that?

Another possibility keeping us from loving our neighbors is that "We think little of His love." We do not think highly enough of His love and what He did for us. We see this in the example Dr. Del Tackett reads about in Luke 7. If we love little, maybe it's because we think we have been forgiven little and therefore think little of His love and His sacrifice.

1 John 4:10

1 John 4:19

Luke 7:47

- Do you think you think little of His love? (or take His love for granted)
- Have you ever thought little of His sacrifice? (Have you taken His sacrifice for granted?)

Next, Dr. Del Tackett takes us to the Garden of Gethsemane (Gethsemane means oil press). It was here that Jesus was "sorrowful" and "troubled", "to the point of death". While in Gethsemane, Jesus prayed "Let this cup pass from me" but He also prayed for God's will to be done...three times. **Matthew 26:36-46**

Dr. Del Tackett asked Why? What could have caused this agony?

- Was it the humiliation? Was it the thorns? **Matthew 27:27-30**
- Was it the scourge? **Isaiah 52:14, John 19:1**
- Was it the crucifixion? **Mark 15:24**
- If it was not any of those, then what was causing such great anguish? **Separation from God**
Matthew 27:46 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

He is omnipresent, in time and physically.

Revelation 21:6

1 Chronicles 29:10

Revelation 5:5-6

Revelation 3:8

- Knowing He is omnipresent--how long do you think this separation from God lasted?
 - Why do you think Jesus had so much anguish over this separation?

We know we will be healed when we get to heaven, but when Jesus returned and visited the disciples He was still wounded and had scars.

- Why do you think Jesus still has scars?

Hebrews 10:12, Hebrews 7:3, Ephesians 3:17-19

We know Jesus paid the penalty for our sins because He said so. When He cried out to The Father asking “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” He paid the debt of separation from God. His cry echoes throughout eternity. Jesus said yes because of His true agape chesed love--He made a decision to go through separation from God for us.

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Isaiah 53

We love because He first loved us (**1 John 4:19**). If we think we have been forgiven little, we will love little. (**Luke 7:47**). It was our sin and His love that nailed Him to the cross. We rejoice now, because He rose from the dead and now lives within us. The God who paid that price lives in us.