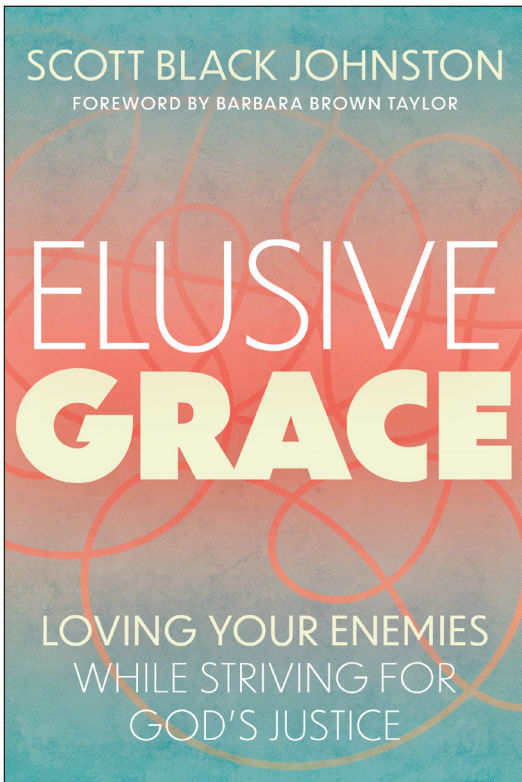


# Book Club Questions for Scott Black Johnston's *Elusive Grace*



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When was the last time you prayed for someone whose politics are opposed to your own? What did you ask God to do for that person?

The book speaks to the difficulty of living with, let alone understanding, those with whom we disagree. How do we find the courage and hope to do so?

What happens when we show mercy or forgiveness to someone who turns around and hurts or wrongs us again? How likely are we to want to show that person mercy again? What does the gospel require of us at that moment?

Have you ever had an enemy, someone whom you really disliked or even hated? How did they become your enemy? Are they still? If not, what happened to change things between the two of you?

Think about those with whom you disagree politically: is “enemy” the right word to describe your relationship to them? Do they fear you are trying to ruin our country? Do you think the same about them? What would it take for each of you to change your mind about the other?

Which is more important to you: that the church maintain its prophetic witness to a broken and disordered world? Or that it display the spirit of unity in witness to a divided and mutually hostile society?

The subtitle of this book calls us to love our enemies while striving for justice. How do we do both at once? How do we conduct our disagreements about things that matter to the gospel in a way that doesn't make us want to break fellowship with those on the other side?

Think about a friend or family member with whom you often disagree. What would it take for you to “call them in” to an open and honest conversation about your disagreements? What would you want the outcome of that conversation to be for the two of you?

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