

## STUDY QUESTIONS FOR *Coming Home, Part 3: New Family Endowment*

### Introduction

1. How do you feel you made out in the "family of origin lottery?" Describe someone you know who was born into far fewer family resources (love, finances, education, moral guidance, etc.) than you had—and someone with far more.
2. Is it true that, as the mantra goes in America, "you can be anything you want to be?" Why or why not?
3. What things do we all lack in a fallen world?

### John 14:12-14

1. What evidence do you see in Scripture that believers gain the capacity to do astounding miracles? Have you ever seen one or done one yourself?
2. What in your experience causes you to wonder what kind of limitations are on such a promise?
3. "Second order miracles" are those which do not violate natural laws, but are a confluence of extremely unlikely circumstances which point us to God. Have you seen or been part of one of these? Describe.
4. How is it possible that we could ever do greater works than Christ did—healing, speaking the inerrant word of God, raising people from the dead, then rising from the dead himself?
5. What means of participating in manifestations of the divine are we granted? (Reread the text!)
6. Describe the first requirement for such manifestations to occur and how it works. Do the same for the second.

### Ephesians 1:19-19a

1. What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God on a personal basis?
2. Describe some method which helps you know about God.
3. Describe an experience which has brought you a taste of the sweetness of the personal knowledge of God. Go on--tell.

### 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

1. Do you think all of the listed spiritual gifts are in operation today? Why or why not?
2. What is the difference between spiritual gifts and natural ones? Are natural gifts also from the Lord? What does the Lord want us to do with them?
3. Name your own spiritual gifts. How do you know you have them? Do others know?
4. How have you used your gifts in service to the Lord?
5. Describe someone else who has a spiritual gift and uses it for the Lord.

### Galatians 5:22-23

1. Which fruits of the Spirit come more easily to you? Which ones are harder?
2. Do you think all believers are supposed to have all of them? Why or why not?

### John 14:15

1. List some of the house rules under which you grew up. Which ones helped you? Hurt you?
2. List some key house rules of the Lord's family. How are believers today doing with following them? What does that say about their love?
3. Describe how obeying someone you love is different from someone you do not.
4. Describe how believers can learn of the love of God and learn to love him back. How can we grow in our love for God?