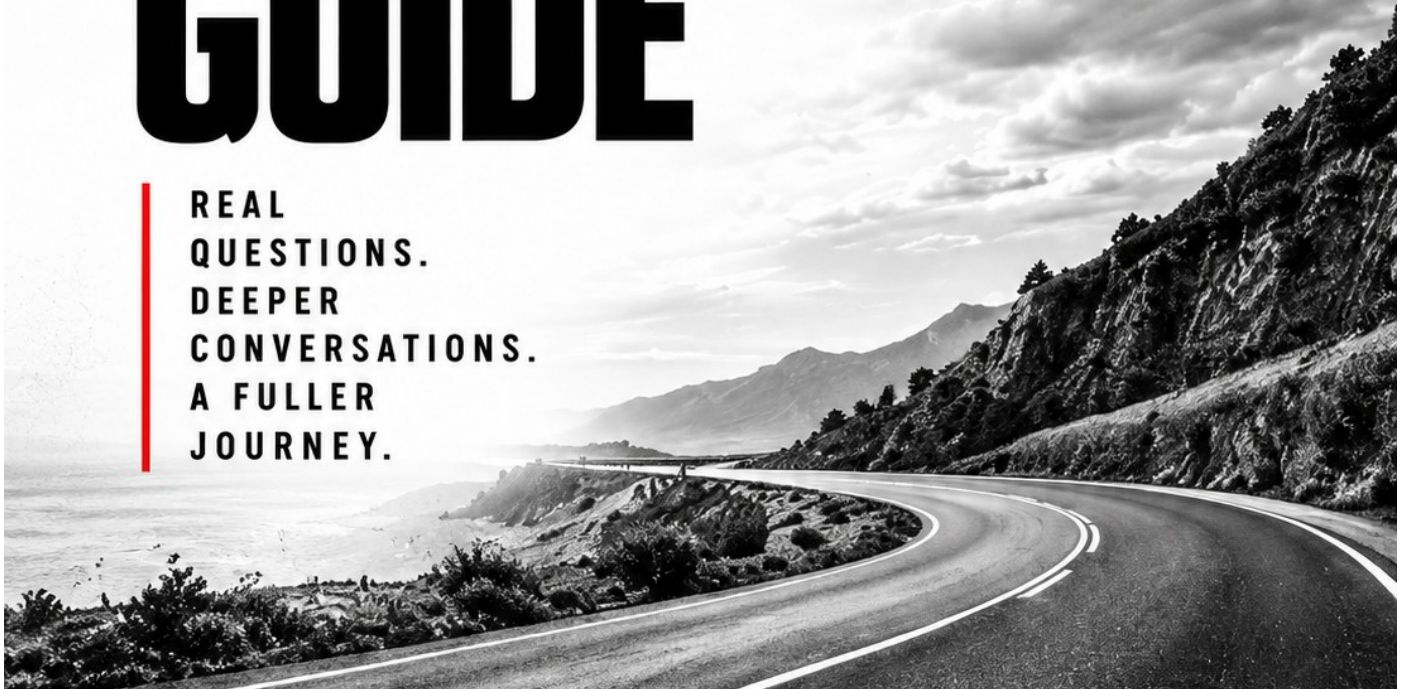


Are We
THERE *Yet?*

B R I A N W A S H I N G T O N

**BOOK
DISCUSSION
GUIDE**

REAL
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DEEPER
CONVERSATIONS.
A FULLER
JOURNEY.



Book Discussion Guide



ONE CHAPTER PER PAGE • 10 QUESTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

Designed for book clubs, church groups, friends, and reading circles. Each chapter page gives you ten conversation options so the leader can choose the questions that best fit the group rather than rushing through a fixed script.

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How to Use This Guide

Each chapter has ten discussion questions. You do not need to cover all ten. A healthy rhythm is to choose 4–6 questions based on the time available, the needs of the group, and where the conversation naturally deepens.



BEFORE YOU MEET

Read the chapter and mark the questions that feel most relevant to your group.

DURING THE DISCUSSION

Start broad, go deeper gradually, and let people pass on any question they do not want to answer.

ON THE ROAD

Close by naming one takeaway, one prayer, or one faithful response to carry into the week.

Suggested pacing: 5–10 minutes welcome/check-in • 35–45 minutes discussion • 10 minutes application/prayer

Leader note: These questions are conversation starters, not a test. The goal is not to reach the “correct” answer but to help readers engage the chapter honestly, biblically, and practically.

The Endless Quest for There



CONVERSATION FOCUS: Read • Reflect • Discuss • Apply

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. When you picture finally reaching There, what do you see? How has that definition changed over time?
2. Which external measure of arrival—success, security, approval, healing, control, or something else—has carried too much weight in your life?
3. Where do you sense God's presence most clearly in your current season? Where do you struggle to notice or trust Him?
4. What is one next faithful step you can take without needing to see the entire path?
5. How might your present season become different if you viewed it as part of your formation rather than merely a delay?
6. Which phrase or idea in this opening chapter best names the "There" you have been chasing?
7. Where do you notice tension between your desired destination and the person you are becoming on the way?
8. What does this chapter suggest is worth paying attention to before your circumstances change?
9. If your current season is part of your formation, what might you want to notice rather than rush past?
10. How does the section "The Endless Quest for There" connect with your current season or the way you understood this chapter?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Embracing the Winding Roads



CONVERSATION FOCUS: When the Road Changes • What the Curve Can Reveal • Presence in the Present Mile • The People Who Travel With Us
CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What unexpected curve are you currently facing, or what curve have you recently walked through?
2. When life does not follow the plan you expected, what is your first response: fear, control, withdrawal, blame, prayer, action, or something else?
3. What has a difficult season revealed about your needs, fears, values, identity, or relationship with God?
4. Where are you most tempted to miss the present mile because your attention is fixed on a future destination or a past regret?
5. Who are the honest and kind people you can invite into your current season?
6. What is one practical, faithful step you can take this week, even if the full road remains unclear?
7. Which section - When the Road Changes, What the Curve Can Reveal, or Presence in the Present Mile - feels most relevant to you right now, and why?
8. How have other people helped you travel a difficult road well, or made it harder?
9. What does “becoming the traveler” mean to you after reading this chapter?
10. What would it look like to honor the present mile without giving up hope for what is ahead?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Embracing the Dance of Progression



CONVERSATION FOCUS: A Life Is a Story • Participants, Not Spectators • The Next Step, Not the Full Map • Reflection Makes Growth Visible

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. Where have you been treating your life as a series of disconnected events rather than a story still being written?
2. Which past chapter do you most often use as evidence that you are behind, disqualified, or unable to move forward?
3. In what area of your life have you been waiting passively for clarity when a next faithful step may already be available?
4. What is one choice you can make this week that reflects your values, faith, or God-given responsibility?
5. What form of quiet reflection—prayer, journaling, Scripture reading, a walk, or a trusted conversation—would help you better notice your growth?
6. In what small but meaningful way are you becoming more honest, courageous, patient, loving, or grounded than you were before?
7. Where do you see evidence that your life is still a story in progress rather than a finished verdict?
8. What is the difference between participating in your growth and performing for approval?
9. Which form of reflection helps you notice growth most honestly?
10. What would taking the next step - without demanding the full map - look like this week?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Unveiling the Path to There



CONVERSATION FOCUS: When Clarity Is Partial • The Questions Beneath the Choice • Voices at the Crossroads • Stillness Is Part of the Work
CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What decision, transition, or unresolved question is currently asking for your attention?
2. What would change if you stopped requiring complete certainty before you took the next faithful step?
3. What fears, desires, old wounds, or expectations may be influencing your decision?
4. Which voices are shaping your thinking most strongly right now? Are they helping you move toward wisdom, truth, and peace?
5. What practical information, support, counsel, or preparation do you need before making a decision?
6. What is one action you can take this week that moves you forward without forcing the entire outcome?
7. Which is hardest for you at a crossroads: partial clarity, competing voices, stillness, or taking the faithful step?
8. What question beneath your current choice may matter more than the choice itself?
9. How do you distinguish wise stillness from avoidance?
10. When has the path become clearer only after you started walking?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

The Path of Travelers



CONVERSATION FOCUS: The Promise of the Far Country • Coming to Yourself • The Father Who Runs • The Older Brother Outside

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What has your version of the far country looked like: a place, a relationship, a habit, a goal, an identity, or a season of drift?
2. What promise did that far country make, and what did it actually provide?
3. Where do you need to “come to yourself” with honesty rather than shame?
4. Do you identify more with the younger brother, the older brother, or a mixture of both in this season?
5. What would returning toward God look like in one specific, practical form this week?
6. Is there a support person, professional, or community you need to invite into your journey home?
7. Which part of the return story - the far country, coming to yourself, the Father who runs, or the older brother outside - most challenges you?
8. How does this chapter complicate the idea that “home” is simply a place?
9. What does walking home require beyond regret?
10. What does receiving welcome look like when you still feel unfinished?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Embracing the Journey Within



CONVERSATION FOCUS: The Illusion of Being Off Course • The Work of Honest Attention • The False Self and the True Self • Here Is Still Your Life
CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. Which modern version of There has most shaped your sense of worth: career, money, relationship status, health, approval, control, appearance, influence, or something else?
2. What present-season reality have you been treating as a waiting room rather than part of your actual life?
3. What feeling, pattern, grief, fear, or longing have you been reluctant to name honestly?
4. What role or version of yourself feels most exhausting to maintain?
5. Where might you need support beyond private reflection, including trusted community, pastoral counsel, or professional care?
6. What would it look like to bring the unedited version of yourself to God this week?
7. Which is harder for you: honest attention, releasing the false self, or accepting that “Here Is Still Your Life”?
8. How can independence become armor rather than strength?
9. What is one sign that you may be performing a version of yourself instead of living honestly?
10. What would walking inward with God look like in a practical rhythm this week?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Repositioning on the Journey



CONVERSATION FOCUS: The Quiet Nature of Drift • Repositioning Is Not Starting Over • The Courage to Check Your Position • The Work of Reorientation

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. Where do you sense drift in your life right now: faith, relationships, health, work, money, rest, integrity, or identity?
2. What small habits or pressures may have contributed to that drift?
3. What are you currently trusting to provide worth, safety, or control that cannot carry that weight forever?
4. What does your inner “rumble strip” sound like—loss of peace, exhaustion, avoidance, resentment, secrecy, anxiety, or something else?
5. What is one small, concrete correction you can make this week?
6. Who is a trustworthy person you can invite into your process of reorientation?
7. What is the difference between drift and failure in the way this chapter frames them?
8. Why might repositioning be more hopeful than “starting over”?
9. What makes a small correction more sustainable than a dramatic reset?
10. What would a steadier way forward look like in one area of your life?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Embracing the Journey of Return



CONVERSATION FOCUS: The Ache for Home • How We Lose Our Way • The Posture of Return • The Road Home Has Its Own Work
CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What do you most associate with home: safety, rest, belonging, acceptance, familiarity, peace, or something else?
2. Where have you been looking for home in achievement, relationships, money, image, control, or escape?
3. What ache or restlessness might be inviting you into a more honest return toward God?
4. What would humility look like in your current season—not self-punishment, but truthfulness?
5. Is there a practical part of your return that needs attention, such as a conversation, boundary, apology, support system, financial step, or healing practice?
6. What makes it difficult for you to receive God's welcome without trying to earn it?
7. Which part of return feels most difficult: naming the ache, admitting drift, changing posture, or receiving a place at the table?
8. How is return different from simply recreating the past?
9. What work might the road home require from you?
10. What would receiving belonging look like before everything is fixed?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Let the Journey Begin



CONVERSATION FOCUS: Leaving the Harbor • Houston and the Honest Mirror • Releasing the Armor • The Voices That Help Us Travel
CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What is your current harbor—the place of familiarity, comfort, or protection you may be outgrowing?
2. What has been your “Houston”—a season, place, or circumstance that became an honest mirror?
3. What did that season reveal about your strengths, needs, fears, or assumptions?
4. What armor are you still carrying that may have once protected you but now limits you?
5. Who are the honest and kind voices you need around you in this season?
6. What step are you delaying because you believe you must feel fully ready first?
7. What do you learn about yourself when a familiar environment becomes an honest mirror?
8. Which voice in your life helps you travel with greater honesty and courage?
9. What is the difference between willingness and readiness for you?
10. What would “arrival without comfort” teach someone about the meaning of progress?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Walking in Divine Footprints



CONVERSATION FOCUS: The Noise That Obscures • The Practice of Silence • The Practice of Presence • The Practice of Gratitude

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What noise most often keeps you from noticing God's presence: work, worry, comparison, social media, fear, overcommitment, or something else?
2. Where have you noticed a small but meaningful sign of care, provision, beauty, correction, or support recently?
3. What would five minutes of honest silence feel like for you right now?
4. What present moment have you been too distracted to fully inhabit?
5. What are three specific things you can be grateful for without minimizing what is difficult?
6. Looking back, where can you see that you were carried, helped, or sustained even when you did not understand the road?
7. Which practice - silence, presence, gratitude, or careful looking back - would most change your pace right now?
8. How can looking back help without forcing a neat meaning onto every painful experience?
9. What usually makes ordinary evidence of care easy to overlook?
10. Where could you create a small pocket of quiet in your normal day?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

The Pathway of Forgiveness



CONVERSATION FOCUS: Naming the Wound • What Forgiveness Is Not • The Debt We Keep Collecting • Forgiving Yourself

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What wound, offense, or disappointment are you still carrying most heavily?
2. What has that wound cost you emotionally, spiritually, relationally, or practically?
3. What false version of forgiveness have you been asked to accept—forgetting, excusing, reconciling too quickly, or dropping a needed boundary?
4. What boundary, support, or form of protection do you need in order to pursue forgiveness safely?
5. Is there a debt you keep hoping someone else will repay through an apology, understanding, or changed behavior?
6. Where do you need to receive God's mercy for your own past choices?
7. Which distinction in "What Forgiveness Is Not" feels most important for healthy forgiveness?
8. How does repeatedly collecting a debt affect the person carrying it?
9. Why might self-forgiveness require a different kind of honesty than excusing yourself?
10. What makes release a repeated practice rather than a one-time event?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

The Pathway of Gratitude



CONVERSATION FOCUS: Gratitude Is Perception • The Comparison Trap • Gratitude in the Middle • Training the Eyes

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What absence or unmet longing has been taking up the most space in your attention lately?
2. What good thing in your life have you begun to treat as ordinary or invisible?
3. Where has comparison made it harder for you to recognize your own path, gifts, or progress?
4. What does gratitude mean to you when life is still incomplete?
5. What is one specific provision, person, moment, or ability you can thank God for today?
6. How might gratitude change the way you treat another person this week?
7. How is gratitude a way of seeing rather than simply a feeling?
8. What does comparison make difficult to see about your own life?
9. How can gratitude exist within pain without denying the pain?
10. How might gratitude become generosity in a concrete relationship this week?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Gathering Pebbles of Wisdom



CONVERSATION FOCUS: The Difference Between Information and Wisdom • Pebbles From the Road • What You Carry Forward • Sharing Wisdom Without Performing It

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What is one lesson the road has taught you that you do not want to forget?
2. Which experience are you tempted to turn into a quick explanation before you have fully grieved or understood it?
3. What truth have you known intellectually but are still learning to practice?
4. What “pebble” from a past season could help you make a wiser choice in your present one?
5. How can you share what you have learned without assuming your path is everyone’s path?
6. Who might benefit more from your listening than from your advice right now?
7. How does this chapter distinguish information from wisdom?
8. What experience has become a “pebble” you carry because it changed how you live?
9. How can you share wisdom without performing expertise?
10. What does the road seem to have left in your hands that you want to carry forward?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Divine Dialogue



CONVERSATION FOCUS: Prayer Without Performance • Learning to Listen • Scripture as a Conversation • The Conversation in Ordinary Days
CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What does your current prayer life sound like: polished, rushed, honest, silent, angry, grateful, distant, or uncertain?
2. What part of your life have you been reluctant to bring honestly to God?
3. What are you hoping God will say about your current situation?
4. How can you test the guidance you sense through Scripture, wisdom, truth, and trusted community?
5. Where has God seemed silent, and what would an honest prayer about that silence sound like?
6. What is one ordinary moment in your daily rhythm that could become a place of prayerful attention?
7. Which is more difficult for you in prayer: honesty, listening, Scripture, ordinary-day attention, or silence?
8. What does prayer without performance sound like in your own words?
9. How might Scripture function as part of a conversation rather than only information?
10. What would it mean to bring your unedited self into prayer this week?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

At the Divine Crossroads



CONVERSATION FOCUS: The Moment Before the Choice • The Cost of Driving Alone • What Surrender Actually Is • Guidance and Responsibility
CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. What crossroads are you facing right now: career, money, relationships, health, location, calling, healing, or a decision about what to release?
2. What outcome are you gripping most tightly?
3. What would surrender look like without becoming passive or irresponsible?
4. What information, support, counsel, or practical action do you need before deciding?
5. Where are you tempted to blame yourself for a difficult outcome that may be more complex than a simple right-or-wrong choice?
6. What is one responsibility you can take today, and what is one burden you can release to God?
7. What is the difference between surrender and passivity as this chapter presents it?
8. How can responsibility and trust exist together at a crossroads?
9. What changes when you admit that you do not have to drive alone?
10. What would open hands look like in the decision you are facing?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

Reflections in Life's Mirror



CONVERSATION FOCUS: Tidying and Cleansing • The Hidden Architecture • The Difference Between Condemnation and Conviction • The Key That Fits Your Door

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. Where do you tend to look through the window rather than into the mirror?
2. What pattern in your life keeps repeating, and what might be beneath it?
3. What “why” question have you been avoiding because the answer may be uncomfortable?
4. What is the difference between conviction that leads toward life and condemnation that keeps you hiding?
5. Where has comparison pulled you away from the particular gifts and calling God has given you?
6. What area of your inner life may need support beyond private reflection?
7. What is the difference between tidying what is visible and cleansing what is underneath?
8. What hidden architecture may be shaping a repeated reaction or habit?
9. How can conviction move you toward life while condemnation keeps you hiding?
10. What would returning to the mirror with honesty and grace look like this week?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?

The Never-Ending Journey



CONVERSATION FOCUS: What There Has Become • What the Road Has Made • The Road Still Ahead • Carrying the Journey Forward

CHOOSE 4–6 OF THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW. FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION; YOU DO NOT NEED TO COVER THEM ALL.

1. How has your definition of There changed while reading this book?
2. What is one modern “There” you still long for, and how can you hold that desire with honesty and open hands?
3. What has the road formed in you that you could not have learned through comfort alone?
4. Which practice from this book—silence, gratitude, discernment, forgiveness, self-examination, surrender, or community—do you most need to keep returning to?
5. What is one unfinished area of your life you can bring to God without pretending it is already resolved?
6. Who is one person who may benefit from the compassion or wisdom your journey has given you?
7. Which part of the road has changed the meaning of “There” for you most deeply?
8. What do you want to carry forward from this book rather than leave on the final page?
9. How has the central question “Are we there yet?” been transformed for you?
10. What marker in the skyline helps you keep moving without pretending the journey is finished?

ON THE ROAD: What is one faithful response, practice, or next step you want to carry into the coming week?