

Crazy Love — Study Guide

Chapter 4: Profile of the Lukewarm

Crazy Love Logo

Have you taken a look at the cover of your book? Have you really taken a look at the cover of your book, specifically the two arrows pointed in different directions? This logo appears 26 times on the cover and within the book (I was curious). Most of the time logos convey a message or has a meaning. The same goes for the two arrows. *Any thoughts on what double arrow logo for Crazy Love means?*

On page 179 there is a conversation with Francis- The first question asks Francis to tell us about the title Crazy Love. He responds with the following:

The idea of *Crazy Love* has to do with our relationship with God. All of my life I've heard people say, "God loves you." It's probably the most insane statement you could make to say that the eternal Creator of this universe is in love with me. There is a response that ought to take place in believers, a crazy reaction to that love. Do you really understand what God has done for you? If so, why is your response so lukewarm?

Hopefully the first three chapters have awakened our awe of how great and grand our God is! If we have an accurate picture of God, then it will help us have an accurate picture of who we are. Chapters 7 through 10 will now be focused on examining our individual response to the crazy love of God. At times this will not be easy, but remember God's grace. It is His grace that will allow us to be transformed. Also remember that you are on an adventure of seeing how God is going to use your changed and "on fire" life!

Before reading this chapter, get onto the Internet and go to the Crazy Love website, hit the "videos" section and watch Francis' video for Chapter 4.

For Your Mind

1. Write down the main point of the chapter.
2. Beginning on page 68 there are 18 lukewarm descriptions. Pick and choose 6 of them and summarize what a lukewarm person looks like or lives like. Then write down one verse and summarize what the verse is saying about lukewarm people.

#1 — Lukewarm People

Verse:

#2 — Lukewarm People

Verse:

#3 — Lukewarm People

Verse:

#4 — Lukewarm People

Verse:

#5 — Lukewarm People

Verse:

#6 — Lukewarm People

Verse:

For Your Heart

3. Read and discuss a characteristic and verse about lukewarm people that jumped out at you this week. Why was this description of lukewarm people so impacting to you?
4. Look at the six characteristics of a lukewarm people you chose to list in question two. From these descriptions pick two or three and reflect how these are part of your life. Take time to meditate on the verses that correspond to the lukewarm characteristic. Ask yourself, "Why am I acting like that?" Repent and ask God to forgive you. Are you willing to be vulnerable and transparent asking your group to pray with you about this as well?

For Your Life

5. Look at the two or three areas where you are lukewarm in question four. Think about what you can do to make changes in these areas of your day to day life. Write down what you will do to change to have a passionate crazy love response for God in each of these lukewarm characteristics.

Change #1

Change #2

Change #3

6. Turn in your book to page 66. Read Matthew 13:44 and the next two paragraphs. Remind yourself of the wonderful gift of Jesus Christ in your life. Write down a prayer expressing your love for him.

Challenge for the Week

Look at question five and pick one lukewarm characteristic to focus on this week. Spend 15-20 minutes getting to the heart of this lukewarm issue in your life.

1. Identify the main sin of this lukewarm characteristic.
2. Find verses that combat his lukewarm characteristic. You can use a study Bible, a concordance, or talk with a mature Christian.
3. Pray, asking God to help you to overcome this sin.
4. Think of one or two tangible things you can do this week to help you fight against this lukewarm, characteristic. It may mean fasting one meal, getting up early each morning to pray, taking time to talk with your spouse or children about God (or maybe your parents, sibling or a friend). Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be creative in your personal application.