

## **It's a God Thing**

### **Book Group Discussion Questions**

- 1) God allowed some major changes in Larry's life before calling him to a unique ministry with younger people. How did God use Larry's golfing accident and the death of his best friend to shape Larry for this ministry? How was he different?
- 2) What does "standing in the gap" mean? See Ezekiel 22:30. Larry felt called to "stand in the gap" for his wife, Tari. Have you ever seen this type of prayer in action? What was the result?
- 3) Larry's downtown ministry grew quickly. What did God require Larry to invest more than anything else? Where might God be calling you to make this same investment?
- 4) Larry's life was previously driven by his personal agenda, but he became transformed by following a Biblical agenda. Compare/contrast life lived with a personal agenda vs. life lived with a Biblical agenda.
- 5) Larry told his friend Bill, "The secret of where I am in my life has everything to do with where God is in my life." Draw a picture of you and God in relationship to each other. Where is God in your life?
- 6) The tragedy of James's death gave Larry a chance to share "the secret of life." Have you discovered this secret for yourself? Share with someone in your group what you feel the secret is and when you came to believe in it.
- 7) In the Chapter titled "Baby Steps," Larry states: "God is not keeping score. The Bible says there is not one righteous person, not one. God loves us just the way we are." How does knowing He loves you as you are encourage you? Do you know someone else who needs this encouragement? Are you willing to share his love with them?
- 8) Do you agree or disagree with Larry's statement that "Religion leads us away from the true spirit of Jesus." (Chapter 21) How does one embrace the true spirit of Jesus?
- 9) In Appendix B, Larry challenges us with this statement: "Every Christian should have the gift of encouragement. If it's not a well-developed gift, we should work on developing it." As a group, brainstorm ways you can develop the gift of encouragement.
- 10) In his final paragraph, Larry reminds us that "obedience brings blessing, passion for living, amazing friendship, and unprecedented adventure!" In what specific ways is God calling you to obedience? What are some concrete steps you could take to make a difference in your world?