

Unseen Existences Online Book Study

Week 9: Chapter 9

1. Brian explores the different versions given of Peter's conversion story in different gospels. How do you explain these differences? Is it a problem for you?
2. How has your life's journey been similar to that of Peter? Different?
3. How was Jesus' initial invitation to Peter in John 5:10 different from the one in John 21:19?
4. What are some of the ways that we can lose our True Self by living a lie? What motivates people to hide who they really are?
5. Reflect on the passage from *Brothers Karamazov* on page 148.
6. Luke 18:9-14 tells the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector. What was wrong or right with each of their prayers? What do you suppose happened next?
7. The journey to our True Self involves a lifetime of self-awarenesses, confession, repentance, as well as self-acceptance, done with the help of and in the company of our Creator God. It requires humility. How have you seen this happen in your own life?
8. Is it hard to imagine the judgment of God as an expression of his love?
9. Elder Zosima in the *Brothers Karamazov* says "Hell is the suffering of no longer being able to love." Reflect on this.
10. Read the poem at the end of the chapter aloud, one stanza at a time. Reflect.