

***Gentle and Lowly-*** Dane Ortlund

**Discussion Questions-** Noted by Reagan Zins

**Chapter 17:** *His Ways Are Not Our Ways*

**1. Ortlund states that the central message of this book focuses on the way that we “tend to project our natural expectations about who God is onto him instead of fighting to let the Bible surprise us into what God himself says.” What natural expectations have you projected onto God that this book has proven untrue? (p. 155)**

**2. What does God ask us to do in the passage on page 156? What will happen when we do these things?**

**3. How does it comfort you to know that God will “abundantly pardon” you? (p. 156)**

**4. What does the natural flow of the human heart lean towards? (p. 157)**

**5. How does our desire for order and fairness differ from God's desire for it? (p. 157)**

**6. How are God's ways and thoughts different from ours? (p. 158)**

**7. What was Calvin's interpretation of Isaiah 55? (p. 159)**

**8. How does failure to accept God's pardon signify unbelief? (p. 160)**

**9. God is not limited to the use of our "unspoiled parts." How does he use what we consider to be our worst? (p. 160-161)**

**10. In what *way* are God's thoughts higher than ours? (p. 162)**