

1) How would you define Christianity? What definition does Dr. Tackett propose during the course of this lesson? Why does he see this definition as being of central importance to our understanding of the Gospel and our overall grasp of truth?

2) What do we mean when we speak of our union with God as a *mystery*? Why is it so important to affirm and embrace the *mysterious* aspects of this reality rather than trying to reduce it to a simple statement of fact?

3) Contemplate, for a moment, the *reality* of God dwelling within us. How deeply do we believe this to be real? Does our life and thinking characterize this profound reality?

4) Cite some examples of ways in which we can “blur the spheres” and thus miss out on the fullness of what God intends us to experience in the realm of our social relationships. Can you think of personal instances in which you have unwittingly fallen prey to this tendency?

5) What insight into the heart of man can we glean from King Saul’s reaction to the women’s celebration of David’s victory over Goliath? From the Pharisees and their “long tassels” and “wide phylacteries”? How can this insight help us fight the pathologies that confront us in *all* of the various social spheres?

6) How should this discussion of the *Unio Mystica* impact our attitude toward that relationship and the price that was paid to make it available to us?

7) How do we enter into a deep and intimate relationship with the infinite-personal God?