

Interview Questions for Sara Hagerty Author of *Every Bitter Thing Is Sweet* Zondervan, October 2014

- The title of your memoir is intriguing, Sara: *Every Bitter Thing Is Sweet*. How does this phrase represent your journey?
- Your story is filled with life disappointments, from Christian ministry to marriage to infertility. How has intimacy with God led to healing in your life?
- You write: "Like most pain, until you have known it for yourself, you are blind to it." How have you been blind to pain? How can others be more attune to those in pain?
- Why do you like to hear other people's—especially women's—stories?
- You write some about finding the "hidden place" in God. What does this look like for a person in full-time ministry? What about for the person who wants to make an impact for God on the earth?
- What would you say to the husband who is listening whose wife is going through a hard time?
- What would you say to the wife who is listening who is going through a hard time in her marriage?
- In what ways you were able to love and encourage your husband Nate when he went through financial struggles in his business? Was it hard to provide support for him when these affected your life as well?
- You struggled with infertility for the better part of a decade. What do you wish well-meaning friends did not do or say? How can friends support and encourage a couple dealing with infertility?
- After 12 years and four adopted children, you gave birth to Boaz in late 2013. How did it feel when you finally had baby Bo?
- International adoption has become quite popular in Christian circles. As an adoptive parent, what has been the most surprising aspect of the adoption experience? The most challenging?
- What are some of your daily practices that help you focus on God's faithfulness?
- How has intentional adoration of God become part of your daily life?
- Tell us a bit about your on-going Adoration Project and how our listeners can get involved.

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