

Suggested Book Club Questions – Christian Fiction

Setting

1. Discuss the setting of the story. Was the location important to the narrative? Was it well done?
2. Did the story take place in a specific time period and was the author's description of the time accurate and moving?
3. Did the setting of the book affect your enjoyment of the story? Why or why not?

Characters

1. Discuss the character's believability. Is the way the characters react to their situations authentic?
2. Was the author's portrayal of the presence of spirituality in the characters' lives realistic? Why?
3. Did any character's faith change during the course of the novel? What events influenced their beliefs? How did they change?
4. Who was your favorite or least favorite character and why?

Language and Structure

1. Discuss the author's use of language in the story. Was it highly descriptive? Was it appropriate or did it detract from your enjoyment of the book?
2. Did the language used by the characters properly reflect the setting of the story? Why / why not?
3. Was there a particular paragraph that stood out in your mind as being an exceptional example of the author's use of language?
4. Discuss the book's structure. Does it jump around in time? Is the story told by more than one character? Did the structure of the book affect your enjoyment of the story? Why or why not?

Plot and Themes

1. Discuss the plot of the story. Was the plot believable?
2. What events make up this story and how do they relate to each other? What one event was the most critical to the plot?
3. How did the author depict faith in the story? Did it feel authentic? Why or why not?
4. What were some of the major themes of the book? In other words, what idea(s) or topic(s) were central to this story?
5. Did the author make the same effort to present spiritual themes as he or she did other topics? Explain your answer.
6. Did the author use symbolism or attribute symbolic meaning or significance to objects, events, or relationships? Was it successful? Why or why not?

In Conclusion

1. Did this book live up to your expectations? Why or why not?
2. Compare this book to others your group has read. Did it stand out in any way? Will you remember this book in the future? Do you think you will ever recommend it to a friend?
3. Is there anything else which made an impact upon you that hasn't been discussed yet?