

Abundant Rain

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Reading Group Guide

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Discussion Questions

Elizabeth

1. Elizabeth's dependency on Kenneth caused her to forsake all and attempt to take her own life. She finally came to understand that she could give Kenneth her heart, but not her soul. What does God's Word say about placing man above Him?

Read:

Old Testament

Exodus 20:3-5

Exodus 22:20

Leviticus 26:1

Deuteronomy 5:8-10

Isaiah 40:6-8; 12-31

New Testament

Matthew 6:25-34

I Corinthians 8:4-6

I Corinthians 11:3

Ephesians 5:23

Colossians 1:14-29

Colossians 2:8-17

2. Although Elizabeth was called and anointed to sing, she initially moved without allowing God to lead her. As a result of being in ministry out of season, her career was turbulent and plagued with scandal. How can we know that we are walking in our purpose at our appointed time?

Read:

Old Testament

Job 14:14

Psalms 2

Proverbs 16:18

Proverbs 25:6-8; 20; 27

Proverbs 28:20

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

Isaiah 40:31

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Ezekiel 21:26

New Testament

Matthew 23:12

II Corinthians 3:6

II Corinthians 7:1-4

I Peter 5:6

I John 2:15-17

3. Elizabeth realized that some prayers are answered slowly. What things can hinder your prayers?

Read:

Old Testament

I Samuel 15:23

Psalms 66:16-20

Proverbs 6:16-19

Proverbs 16:18-19

Jeremiah 13:15-17

Daniel 10:1-13

New Testament

Matthew 17:20

Romans 10:1-4

James 1:5-8

4. What things can help your prayers?

Read:

Old Testament

I Samuel 15:22

I Kings 3:7-10

I Kings 17:17-24

II Kings 20:1-6

II Chronicles 7:12-14

Psalms 22:1-5

Psalms 27

Psalms 37:1-11

Psalms 51

Proverbs 3:1-12

New Testament

Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew 21:21-22

Philippians 4:6-9

James 5:15-16

5. While in the garden, Elizabeth made peace with God's direction for her life. How can we usher in peace and calm in the midst of our storms?

Read:

Old Testament

Psalms 34:11-14

Isaiah 26:12

Jeremiah 29:10-14

New Testament

Luke 12:22-34

John 16:31-33

Romans 12:17-21

Ephesians 4:25-32

Hebrews 12:12-15

James 1:19-21

James 3:13-18

I Peter 3:1-11

Kenneth

1. Throughout the book, Kenneth encountered supernatural beings, both good and evil. What does the Word tell us about the spirit realm?

Read:

Old Testament

Exodus 23:20-23

Job 1:6-12

Psalms 78:25

Psalms 91:11

Psalms 104:4

Isaiah 14:12

Isaiah 37:36

Daniel 6:22-23

New Testament

Matthew 9:32-33

Luke 4:33-35

Ephesians 6:11-12

Hebrews 1:13-14

Hebrews 13:2

I Peter 5:8

Revelation 9:7-11

Revelation 20:2-7

2. Kenneth asked Elizabeth “What is one man to do?” expressing his feelings of inadequacy in ministry. How could you encourage someone to reach his/her full potential in God?

Read:

Old Testament

Exodus 4:10-12

Deuteronomy 32:30

Judges 6:11-16

Psalms 37:23

Proverbs 3:5-6

New Testament

Matthew 10:28-33

I Matthew 18:19-20

I Corinthians 1:26-29

I Corinthians 12

Philippians 4:11-13

3. Kenneth had to dig deep to forgive Deborah of her betrayal and Elizabeth of her perceived betrayal. What are we to do when it comes to forgiving others?

Read:

Old Testament

Genesis 45:1-15

I Samuel 24:8-22

Psalms 103:12

New Testament

Matthew 6:9-15

Matthew 18:21-35

Mark 11:26

Luke 6:37

Ephesians 4:31-32

Colossians 3:13

Tommy

1. Tommy attributed his homosexuality to his childhood experiences with the church deacon. How does God view sexual immorality?

Read:

Old Testament

Genesis 19:5

Leviticus 20:13

Deuteronomy 23:17-18

I Kings 14:24

Isaiah 50:4-5

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Joel 3:3

New Testament

Romans 1:26-32

Ephesians 5:1-7

Colossians 3:5-9

I Thessalonians 4:5

II Timothy 3:2-4

II Peter 2:7-22

Jude 7-19

2. Tommy Esau versus Jabez

Read:

Old Testament

I Chronicles 4:9-10

Malachi 1:1-3

Genesis 25:20-34

New Testament

Romans 9:11-13

Luke 14:25-27

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- Tommy was ready to give his life to the Lord, however, comparing his life to Esau and Jabez caused his faith to waver. Do you believe that you are an Esau or a Jabez? Why?

Read:

Old Testament

I Chronicles 4:9-10

Malachi 1:1-3

Genesis 25:20-34

New Testament

Romans 9:11-16

Luke 14:25-27

The Group

- God is omniscient (all knowing), omnipotent (all powerful) and omnipresent (all present). He has unlimited power to control who will be blessed and who will be cursed. Explain God's sovereignty.

Read:

Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-3

Psalms 139:1-16

Proverbs 26:10

Isaiah 40:13-15

Isaiah 45:9-19

Isaiah 53

New Testament

Matthew 5:45

Matthews 6:1-18

Romans 8:18-39

I Corinthians 15:51-58

II Corinthians 3:17

Hebrews 1:3-12

- Justice is getting what you deserve. Grace is getting what you do not deserve. Mercy is not getting what you do deserve. In all His sovereignty, God is merciful. Give biblical examples of God's mercy.

Read:

Old Testament

Exodus 33:19

Deuteronomy 7:9

Nehemiah 9:32

Psalms 51:1

Psalms 119:156

Psalms 136

Proverbs 16:6

Lamentations 3:21-38

Daniel 9:9

Joel 2:13

Jonah 4:2

New Testament

Matthew 5:7

Matthew 9:27-31

Matthew 20:29-34

Luke 17:11-19

Luke 18:9-14

Romans 9:14-33

II Corinthians 1:3

Ephesians 2:4-6

I Timothy 1:13, 16

James 1:27

- List examples of God's mercy on your life.