

Former Rain

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Reading Group Guide

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2. Why did Isaac have such deep-rooted anger toward God?

Read:

Psalms 14:1-4 Lamentations 3:1-20

3. Isaac was surprised to see “the great man” in hell. What did Truth mean when He said, “Even great men must serve the Lord?”

Read:

Isaiah 5:13-15 Matthew 7:13-14 Luke 16:19-31
Romans 10:9-13 Ephesians 2:8-10 I John 1:8-10

Elizabeth

1. Why did Elizabeth have difficulty submitting to her husband?

Read:

Job 33:17-18 Job 41:15-34 Proverbs 16:18-19
Proverbs 29:23 Ephesians 4:25-32 Ephesians 5:21-24

2. In Chapter 20, Elizabeth said, “Things are different. I’m a Christian now, Kenneth.” What did she mean by that statement?

Read:

Ephesians 4:23-24 Colossians 3:10-14 II Timothy 3:5-9
James 1:19-27 II Corinthians 3:12-17, 4:3-6

3. How do you feel about Elizabeth’s determination to reclaim her marriage? What were the effects of her steadfastness?

Read:

Isaiah 40:29-31 Isaiah 43:18-21 Matthew 18:21-35
I Corinthians 7:13-14 I Corinthians 15:58

Kenneth

1. Why did Kenneth go outside of his marriage for companionship?

Read:

Proverbs 12:4	Proverbs 15:1-2	Proverbs 27:15
Proverbs 19:13	Proverbs 21:9, 19	Proverbs 25:24

2. It was clear that Elizabeth and Mama Rosa had unresolved issues. What role should Kenneth have played in healing the breach between his wife and mother?

Read:

Genesis 2:24	Matthew 19:3-9	Mark 10:1-9
Ephesians 5:25-33	Colossians 3:19	

3. Chapter 27 illustrates Kenneth's devastation when he realized that the woman he admired and loved, also possessed characteristics that he abhorred. How do married couples overcome this transition?

Read:

Amos 3:3	Song of Solomon 7:6-7	I Corinthians 13
Philippians 2:2-4	I Peter 3:1-7	

The Group

1. The salvation experiences for Nina and Elizabeth were quite different. Both were converted, upon accepting Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, however, Nina was more committed to her vow. Explain the difference between Elizabeth's conversion and Nina's transformation.

Read:

II Chronicles 7:14-16	Psalms 27:4-14	Psalms 51
Romans 12:1-2	I Peter 1:13-16	

2. Exodus 34:7 refers to generational curses as the iniquity of the fathers is passed down to the children. How did Isaac and Kenneth live out this curse? What can they do overcome this destructive legacy?

Read:

Exodus 34:7

Numbers 14:18

Proverbs 4:1-9

Proverbs 30:11-14

Ephesians 6:4

Colossians 3:21

3. Why was it difficult for Isaac and Kenneth to accept the grace of God in their lives?

Conclusion

The Roman road to salvation is discussed in chapters 37 and 38. The scriptures from the book of Romans lead a sinner to Christ. The history behind the road to salvation is based upon the industrialization of the Roman people in Biblical times. They constructed roads to encourage travel between cities. These roads were paved and patrolled to allow safe passage – the first of their kind. Because of these roads the gospel was spread faster and easier.