

A Reading Group Guide

# **Latter Rain**

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**Isaac**

1. Although Isaac’s intentions were pure, he failed to balance the needs of his son with his ministry. As a result, Donavan went astray. What does the Word tell us about raising our children?

Proverbs 22:6, 15  
Proverbs 29:15  
Malachi 4:5-6

Ephesians 6:1-4  
Colossians 3:21  
I Timothy 3:5  
I Timothy 5:8

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2. Isaac repented of his sins and sought God for forgiveness. When we surrender to the Lord, what can we expect in return?

II Chronicles 7:14  
Psalm 86:5  
Psalm 103:3, 12  
Isaiah 43:25  
Isaiah 44:22  
Jeremiah 31:34

Luke 7:41-50  
Acts 3:19  
Colossians 1:12-14

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3. Since God is just, He granted Isaac forgiveness of all his past sins. Yet Isaac struggled with forgiving others. What does the New Testament teach about forgiveness?

Matthew 6:14-15  
Matthew 18:21-22  
Mark 11:25-26  
Luke 6:37

Luke 12:48  
Luke 17:3-4  
Ephesians 4:31-32  
Colossians 3:10-14

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4. Isaac chose to serve God rather than money, when he rejected Bishop Sumler's lucrative offer. Like Jesus, he chose to minister in the streets rather than a lavish sanctuary. How does the Word support his decision?

Isaiah 61:1-2  
Matthew 6:33-34  
Matthew 9:9-13  
Mark 2:13-17

Luke 11:37-44  
Luke 14:16-24  
Acts 3:62  
I Thessalonians 5:14-24

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**Nina Lewis**

1. The Bible tells us that once we seek the Lord for forgiveness, He no longer remembers our sin. Oftentimes, we hold ourselves captive by not releasing the very thing we sought the Lord to forgive. How can we forgive ourselves?

Psalm 51

Romans 3:10, 23

Psalm 103

Romans 5:1-5

Proverbs 24:16

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2. In an effort to provide Donovan with a stable home, Nina was willing to marry a man that she did not truly love. What does the Word say about trusting God?

II Samuel 22:1-7

Psalms 91

Job 13:15

Proverbs 3:4-5

Psalm 5:11-12

Isaiah 40:31

Psalm 71

Hebrews 11:1

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**Bishop Sumler**

1. Instead of being a man of the cloth, Bishop Sumler was a man hiding behind the cloth. He willfully manipulated others for financial gain. What does the Bible say about manipulation and greed?

Psalms 52:1-5

Jeremiah 23:25-27

Matthew 6:19-21

Matthew 12:35

Mark 12:38-40

Colossians 3:1-3

James 1:22-27

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2. Bishop Sumler created his own code of conduct to have the appearance of holiness. His self-righteousness can be compared to that of the scribes and Pharisees. What do the scriptures teach us about having the form of godliness?

Proverbs 23:7

Proverbs 30:12-13

Isaiah 29:13

Isaiah 64:4

Matthew 15:8

Matthew 16:1-12

Matthew 23

Mark 7:1-13

Luke 20:45-47

II Timothy 3:1-6

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3. As a prodigy of Bishop Sumler, Pastor Ron Marks took on his character. Instead of humility, he was full of pride. How does God feel about pride?

Psalm 10:4-18

Psalm 73:6-9

Psalm 131:1-3

Proverbs 6:16-19

Proverbs 8:13

Proverbs 16:18

Daniel 4:37

I Timothy 3:1-7

I John 2:15-17

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4. What expectations have God established for church leaders?

Ephesians 5:27

Titus 1:5-16

Titus 2:1-8

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**General**

1. God desires that we walk in His perfect, not permissive, will. What is God's will for our lives?

Psalm 37:23  
Psalm 119:133  
Isaiah 64:8

John 4:31-34  
John 7:16-18  
I Thessalonians 4:3-7  
I Thessalonians 5:18  
I Peter 3:17-18  
I Peter 5:1-14

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2. God wants us to worship Him from our heart, so He gave us a will. How do we as believers line up with His plan?

Genesis 12:1-3  
Deuteronomy 28:1-14  
Joshua 1:8  
Isaiah 55:6-13  
Jeremiah 1:4-10

Mark 14:36  
John 5:30  
Romans 8:6-13  
Colossians 3:5-9

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