

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# Something Good



#1

Marquita had a hard time holding onto a job and understanding that she needed to treat people with respect. Do you know anyone like Marquita? Have you ever been like Marquita? What are three things you would tell your younger self that would have made life easier?

#2

How did it make you feel to read that Marquita didn't want to dream because she didn't believe anything good could happen for her? How would you minister to someone like Marquita?

#3

Do you remember young love? I do, and it is sometimes painful. I love him, but does he love me? For Marquita this was compounded by her own feelings of worthlessness. What did you think about Jon-Jon and Marquita? Did they grow enough within themselves to truly have a lasting relationship?

#4

Trish's once stable life was turned upside down after her son was left paralyzed. She kept trying to sing a fruitful song, even though she was in a barren land, but nothing she did was working. Things got so bad that she was ready to leave her marriage. Have you ever been so low that you didn't know how to get back up? What did you do to turn things around?

#5

At Trish's lowest point she heard the scripture Isaiah 53:4, "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." Reading something like that let's me know that I can breathe easy because God's got me. But does that scripture bring comfort to you or the opposite? Why?

#6

Jehovah-Raah is mentioned during Trish's prayer for something good. Jehovah-Raah means God is our shepherd—our guide through all of life. Have you allowed God to lead you or have you, like Trish, been trying to handle everything on your own?





#7

What did you think of the interactions between Trish and Dwayne? Was Trish too hard on him, or did you understand where she was coming from?

#8

When tragedy strikes it can either bring a family closer together or tear them apart. When Dwayne realized his family was being torn apart, he made steps to right some of the wrongs. What did you think of Dwayne John Robinson?

#9

Alexis was a complicated character because at first glance she seemed to have it all. The rich husband, two wonderful children, a beautiful home. But she also had a secret. Did you realize that her mother dealt with mental illness before she visited her in the nursing home? How did it make you feel when you realized that Vivian was being hidden away to protect the vision of the perfect life Michael wanted for his family?

#10



I fell in love with the Alexis Marshall character because she dealt with more internal battles than anyone else. Alexis was loving and compassionate, but secrets and guilt weighed her down. What did you think of Alexis? Was she too much or did you understand her and relate to the things that pulled her this way or that way?

#11

Michael Marshall was a narcissistic character at times. I hated writing about him because he was all about himself and what he needed. But he loved his family. So, what did you think of Michael? Did he redeem himself in the end?

#12

The North Carolina cardinal is a symbol of hope in the midst of sorrow, beauty in the midst of darkness. An old wives' tale says that when a red cardinal is in your yard it is a visit from heaven. After learning of this tale, I now smile whenever I see a red cardinal in my yard (I'm not saying it's true, but the story does bring me joy). What's your take on this? Could God use a bird to bring hope to a hurting family?

