



Discussion Questions

What We Found In Hallelujah

Question 1

The Reynolds women have suffered so many storms that they lost the ability to trust God. How would you minister to someone whose heart has been broken by a series of tragedies?



Question 2

Ruby Reynolds, the matriarch of the family lies A LOT. She was taught to lie from an early age when her mother told her to lie about who her father was. Have you dealt with people in your life who always seem to stretch the truth? Do you think there is a reason behind all the lies?

Question 3

Do you think Ruby was truly delivered from lying? Do you believe that God can deliver us from that sin that easily besets us? If you are dealing with something that you need deliverance from, take this moment to pray and ask God for deliverance. You don't have to tell others what you are praying about; you can pray silently. Go ahead, give it a try.

Question 4

Ruby had a problem letting go of things. She was tired of losing and wanted to keep everything she had left. Have you ever held on to something long past the time you should have let it go?

Question 5

Hope and Faith had complicated relationships with their mother. Why do you think mother/daughter relationships are so hard at times?





Question 6

Hope was a runner. For years, she stayed away from her hometown because she didn't want to deal with the issues with her parentage nor did she want to deal with Nic's mother, who didn't think she was good enough for her son. But was Hope really running from her own sense of self-worth? Has something or someone ever made you doubt your worth? Do you know that you are God's creation and everything God does, He does well? Think on that the next time you doubt yourself.

Question 7

For someone named Faith, she sure didn't seem to have much faith. As a matter of fact, Faith didn't trust anything that she couldn't see and touch for herself. Faith was a challenge to write because I wanted to show what the trauma of survivor's guilt could do to a person, even someone who attends church and loves God. What did you think of Faith? Did she frustrate you or did you understand her? Do you think she can ever truly recover from the trauma of her past?

Question 8

Faith and Chris' marriage was on death's door because Faith couldn't trust him and there was very little communication in this marriage. But Chris didn't want to give up on his marriage. Slowly things began to turn around for them. What do you think caused Faith to see her husband in a new light and allowed for them to reconcile?

Question 9

Crystal's eating disorder took the family by surprise even though Trinity had also suffered from this eating disorder at about the same age. Do you think we sometimes ignore issues within our family even though clues pop up here and there? Are we just too busy to pay attention to what others might be dealing with, or is there another reason why we sometimes miss signals?

Question 10

Hallelujah means "God be praised." When I lost my mother in 2010, the last thing I wanted to do was praise God. I was hurt and dealing with so much pain. But when I got my praise back, I discovered joy and hope again. So even though this book deals with loss, the title is What We FOUND in Hallelujah, because if we begin to praise God even when it hurts, there you will find hope. Name two or three things you do when you're feeling down. And just for fun, what is your favorite praise song?