



Book Club Discussion Guide

GENERAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(for group discussion)

1. **How did your perception of Hannah shift over the course of the novel?** What did you admire most about her, and what frustrated you?
2. **Sloane's journey is marked by secrecy, control, and isolation.** How did these traits serve her? How did they harm her?
3. **Reine Island serves as more than just a setting—it becomes a character of its own.** How did the island shape the story, and how did it affect Hannah's healing process?
4. **Family, both biological and found, plays a major role.** What did you notice about the contrast between Hannah's family and Sloane's experience of family?
5. **Several characters (Simone, Lisa, Silas) carry secrets or deep inner convictions.** How does the book handle the tension between secrecy and truth-telling?
6. **The story ends in forgiveness and renewal, but not without struggle.** What did you think about the way forgiveness was portrayed—was it realistic, idealized, or something else?

“WHAT WOULD YOU DO?” SCENARIOS

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1. **If you were in Hannah's position after discovering Sloane's betrayal, would you have sought refuge on Reine Island—or tried to rebuild your life elsewhere? Why?**
2. **If you were Simone, would you have risked everything to bring down Nicolo—even if it meant aligning with someone as unpredictable as Sloane?**
3. **If you were Celeste, secretly married to Cooper and finally embraced by a real family, would you confess your fears about not belonging—or keep quiet and hope no one noticed?**
4. **If you were Silas, struggling with your past and hesitant to trust your own emotions, would you have allowed yourself to pursue a relationship with someone like Sloane—someone still in the process of healing? What would you have done in his place?**

DEEPER REFLECTION PROMPTS

(for personal reflection and journaling)

1. **When in your own life have you needed to choose faith over feelings?** What helped you do it—or what held you back?
2. **Have you ever experienced betrayal from someone you trusted deeply?** How did you process that pain? Has forgiveness played a role in your healing?
3. **Sloane’s redemption is gradual and often resisted.** Have you ever felt like you were too far gone to be welcomed back? How does the Gospel speak into that?
4. **Hannah begins the novel with everything the world calls “success” and ends with something very different.** How do you define a successful life now?

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR STUDY

(for personal use or group devotionals)

These verses tie into the major themes of *When It Reines* and can be used for group devotionals or personal study.

- **Forgiveness:** Ephesians 4:32 · Matthew 6:14–15 · Colossians 3:13
- **Betrayal & Trust:** Psalm 55:12–14 · Proverbs 3:5–6 · Romans 8:28
- **Redemption & New Beginnings:** 2 Corinthians 5:17 · Isaiah 43:18–19 · Joel 2:25
- **Faith in Uncertainty:** Hebrews 11:1 · Romans 8:24–25 · Psalm 27:13–14
- **God’s Presence in Pain:** Psalm 34:18 · 2 Corinthians 1:3–4 · Isaiah 41:10
- **Restoration & Calling:** 1 Peter 5:10 · Jeremiah 29:11 · Philippians 1:6