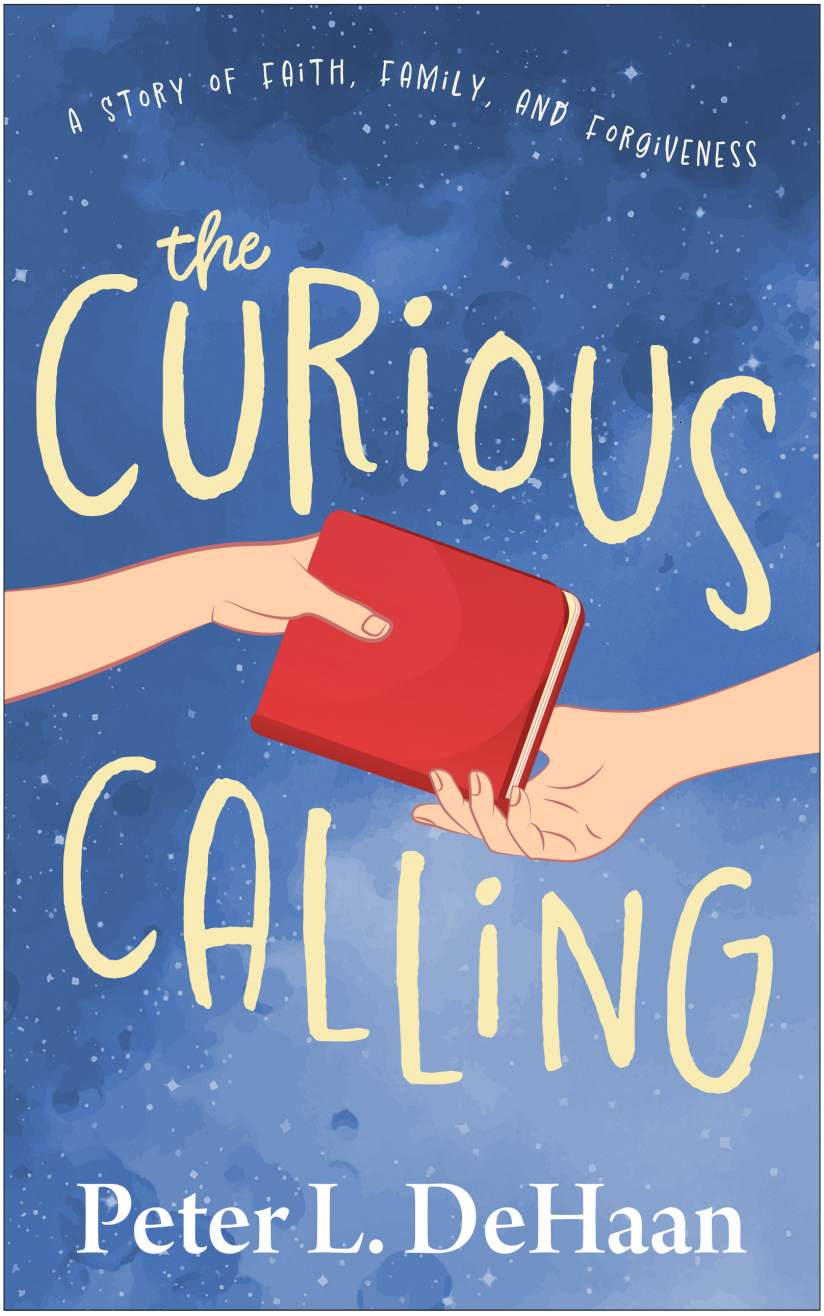


Discussion Guide for

The Curious Calling

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For book clubs

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How to Use This Guide

Please finish the book first. The questions mention later events in the story.

Work through the chapter sections in order, or choose the groups that fit your meeting. There are no right or wrong answers—share what stood out to you. Save the whole-book questions for the end of your discussion.

Chapters 1–5: Lily Receives Her Book and Learns to Listen

Lily gets a book from Madison that gives her direct instructions from God, begins obeying the first messages, and sees how God works through her encouragement of Shea and her request for mentoring.

1. What stood out to you about the way Lily received her book and her first message?
2. Lily prayed a simple prayer asking God to make the book work for her. How did that prayer show her growing trust in God?
3. Why do you think God told Lily to cheer for Shea, and what changed for Shea because Lily obeyed?
4. Lily asked Mrs. Monroe to mentor her. What does this show about the kind of help Lily needed as she started following God?

Chapters 6–10: Lily Faces Hard Instructions and Family Support

Lily receives difficult instructions about her mother and Michael, struggles with doubt, receives help from Mr. Monroe about her credit, and hears Michael's side of the story.

1. How did Lily react when she read the instruction to visit her mom in prison, and what does that reaction show about her past?
2. Lily applied for a credit card and was turned down. What help did Mr. Monroe offer, and how did it show God's provision through family?
3. When Lily thought Michael had been unfaithful, how did she handle her emotions? What helped her later?
4. Madison confessed to her dad that she had let Lily drive the car home. Why was that honesty important, and how did Mr. Monroe respond?

Chapters 11–15: Lily Learns to Serve and Faces Forgiveness

Lily makes things right with Michael, looks for ways to serve at church, befriends Bree, starts a lunchtime Bible study with Madison, and hears what Jesus taught about forgiveness.

1. On the drive back to Michael's college, Lily apologized for not trusting him. How did her willingness to listen and apologize change their relationship?

2. Lily and Madison decided to study the Bible during lunch at school. What made that choice bold?

3. Lily prayed for Bree's ankle. What does this moment show about Lily's growing faith?

4. Lily offered to greet people at church and to clean the restroom. Why do these simple acts of service matter?

Chapters 16–20: Lily Respects Authority and Visits Her Mother

Lily is taken to the police station, learns to respect authority even when it is hard, forgives her mother, and visits her in prison.

1. Lily was treated roughly by the officer. How did she choose to respond, and what helped her?

2. Detective Brindle offered kindness after the mistake. How did Lily show respect in return?

3. Lily finally forgave her mother. What changed in her heart after she prayed and obeyed?

4. Lily visited her mother in prison. How did that visit affect both of them?

Chapters 21–25: Lily Obeys to the End and Becomes Family

Lily obeys the instruction to let someone down kindly, continues her Bible study, asks the Monroes to adopt her, and gives her book away as God directs.

1. Lily received the instruction to let someone down easy. How did she handle that moment with Ian?
2. Lily asked the Monroes to adopt her. What made that request feel right to her?
3. Lily realized the book was for Jason, not Michael. How did she know who needed it next?
4. Lily saw how far she had come in obeying God. Which change in her life stood out most to you?

Whole-Book Discussion Questions

1. How did Lily's relationship with God grow from the first chapter to the last?
2. Which instruction from the book was hardest for Lily, and why?
3. How did the Monroe family show Lily what God's love looks like in daily life?
4. What role did forgiveness play in Lily's story, and how did it change her?
5. Lily learned to pray simple, honest prayers. How did those prayers help her?
6. How did Lily's view of family change by the end of the book?
7. Which scene best showed the cost and blessing of obeying God?
8. How did Lily's Bible study at school affect the people around her?
9. What did Lily learn about trusting God with relationships, especially with Michael and her mother?
10. How did the story show that God speaks in both big and small ways?
11. What does this story teach about becoming part of God's family and a human family at the same time?
12. How has reading this story encouraged you to listen for God's instructions in your own life?

About the Author

Peter L. DeHaan is an adult who dreams of being a teenager. When he's not contemplating grown-up thoughts, his mind retreats to the domain of invented worlds with his loyal and most real, yet still imaginary, friends. What grand adventures they have: righting wrongs, solving problems, and making their world a better place to live.

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