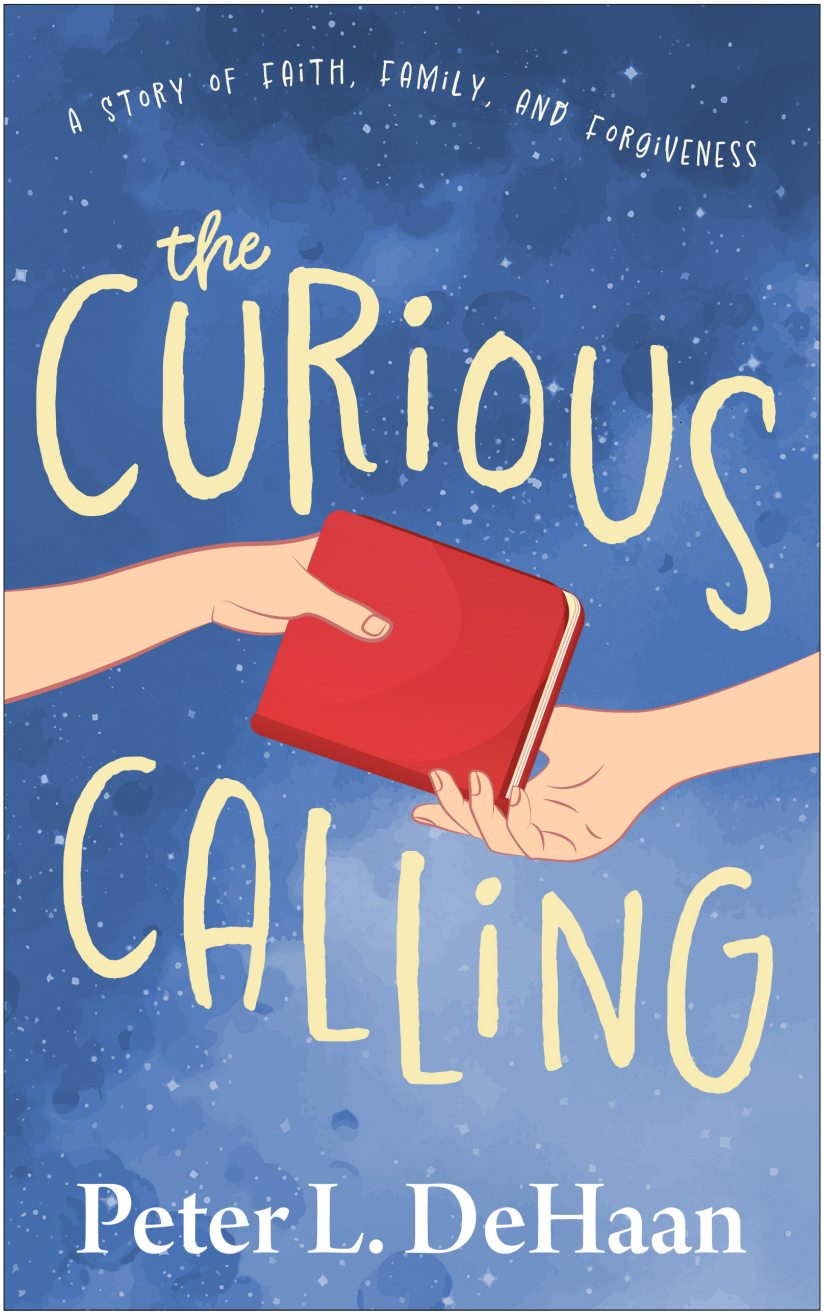


Discussion Guide for

The Curious Calling

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How to Use This Guide

Please finish the book first, or finish each chapter group before discussing it. The questions mention later events in the story.

Work through the chapter sections in order, or choose the groups that fit your class period. 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 the Book and Her First Instructions

Lily receives her own book of instructions from God and learns to follow its simple commands, starting with cheering for Shea at a basketball game and asking Mrs. Monroe to mentor her.

1. Why do you think Lily was so excited yet nervous about the notebook?
2. When no new messages appeared for days, how did Madison help Lily trust God?
3. What changed for Shea because Lily obeyed the instruction to cheer for her?
4. Why was it important that Lily asked Mrs. Monroe to mentor her instead of keeping the idea to herself?

Chapters 6–10: Lily Faces Hard Tests and Learns About Trust

Lily receives instructions about her mom, Michael, and credit, then works through disappointment and receives help from the Monroes.

1. How did Lily's feelings about Michael swing so quickly, and what helped her calm down?
2. Why did Mr. Monroe still show grace when Madison let Lily drive without insurance?
3. What did Lily learn about her credit report, and how did Dad respond?
4. How did Michael's in-person visit change the way Lily saw the situation?

Chapters 11–15: Lily Grows in Faith and Begins to Serve

Lily and Michael make up, Lily looks for ways to serve at church, befriends Bree, starts a lunchtime Bible study, and wrestles with the instruction to forgive her mom.

1. When her book told her to forgive her mom, Lily refused at first. What did Madison teach her about forgiveness from Jesus's parable?
2. What did Lily and Madison learn about taking every thought captive?
3. How did Lily's idea to clean the restroom show a way to serve Jesus?
4. Why did Lily choose to greet people at church instead of teaching or working in the nursery?

Chapters 16–20: Lily Deals with Police and Visits Her Mom

Lily learns to respect authority, answers questions at the station, and finally visits her mom in prison after forgiving her.

1. How did Lily's attitude toward the police officer change from the first meeting to the second?
2. What helped Lily feel peace after she was handcuffed?
3. Why was it important that Lily chose mercy and did not file a complaint?
4. How did forgiving her mom change the way Lily talked with her during the visit?

Chapters 21–25: Lily Finishes Strong and Joins the Family

Lily obeys the last hard instructions, watches her Bible study grow, and asks the Monroes to adopt her as their daughter.

1. Why did Lily think the instruction meant breaking up with Michael, and what did she learn instead?
2. How did Madison and Jason respond when Principal Gardner told the group they could not study the Bible at school?
3. What did Lily say to Mrs. Hayes that helped plant a seed about Jason's dad?
4. Why did Lily decide to ask the Monroes to adopt her?

Whole-Book Discussion Questions

1. What is the main lesson Lily learns about obeying God even when the instruction seems strange?
2. How does Lily's relationship with the Monroe family change from the first chapter to the last?
3. Which instruction from the notebook was the hardest for Lily, and why?
4. How did praying with Madison help Lily obey God more quickly?
5. What does the story show about the difference between following feelings and following God's words?
6. How did Lily's view of her mom change after she forgave her?
7. What role did Michael play in helping Lily grow in faith?
8. Why was it important that Lily told Madison about the instructions instead of keeping them secret?
9. Which Bible verse from the story helped you the most, and why?
10. How did serving at church help Lily feel more like part of God's family?
11. What would you tell a friend who is scared to obey something God asks?
12. How has reading this book changed the way you think about listening to God?

About the Author

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