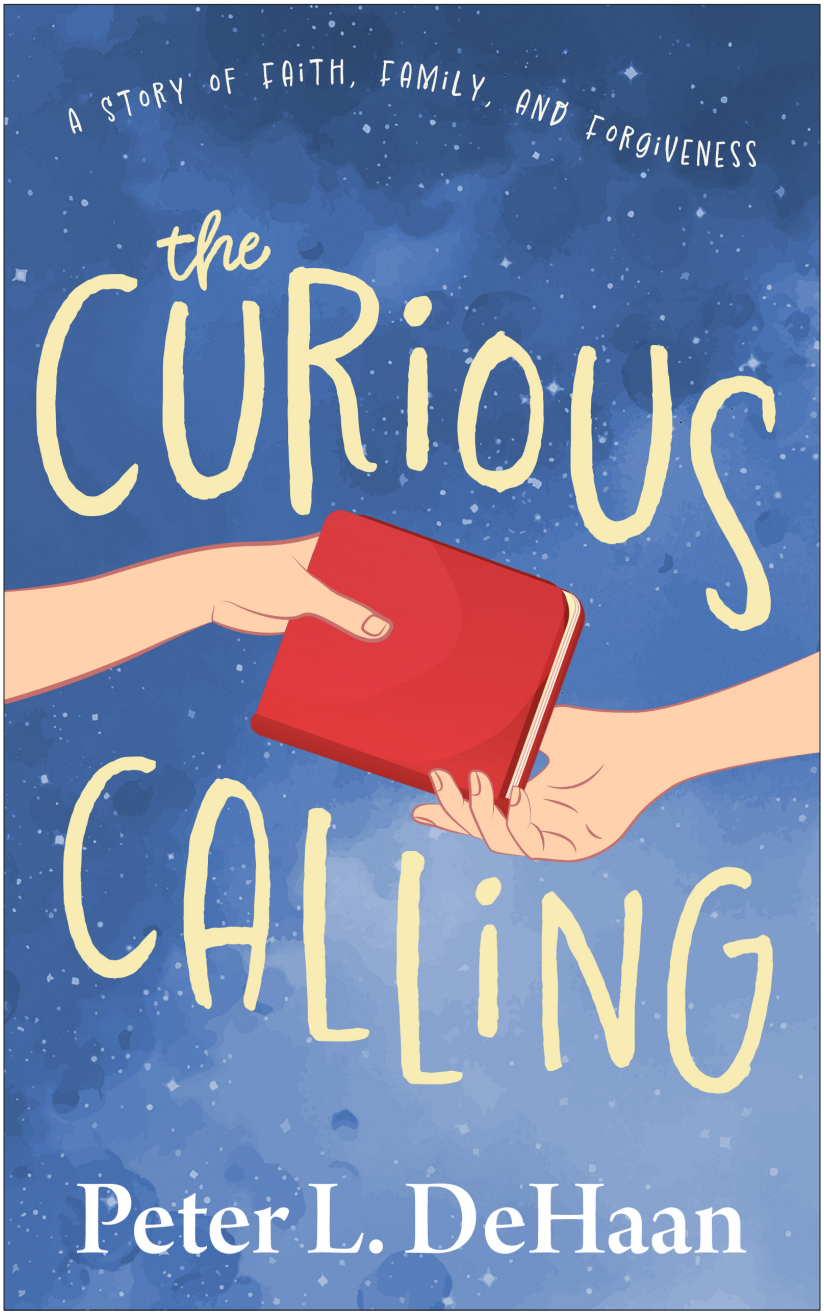


Discussion Guide for

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 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: The Book Arrives and First Steps

Lily receives a special book from God and begins obeying its first instructions, including cheering for Shea and starting to pray.

1. Why does Lily feel both excited and unsure when she first opens the book?

2. How does Madison help Lily trust God for the next message?

3. What happens when Lily and Madison cheer for Shea at the game?

4. Read Romans 12:12. How does Lily's prayer show she is learning to "be joyful in hope"?

Chapters 6–10: Hard Messages and Hard Truths

Lily receives surprising instructions, faces disappointment with Michael, and learns her credit was harmed.

1. What three new instructions does Lily find, and which one upsets her most?

2. How does Lily's quick anger toward Michael show her old way of thinking?

3. What does Dad discover when he helps Lily check her credit reports?

4. Read Ephesians 4:26. How does Lily's anger the next morning match or miss this Bible verse?

Chapters 11–15: Making Things Right

Lily makes things right with Michael, learns to control her thoughts, plans ways to serve at church, befriends Bree, starts a Bible study, and wrestles with forgiving her mom.

1. On the drive back to college, Lily apologizes to Michael. What is she sorry for, and how does Michael respond?

2. What does Madison tell Lily about taking every thought captive?

3. How does Lily decide to serve at church, and what does Madison say about cleaning?

4. Read Matthew 5:16, the Bible verse on Lily's new keychain. How do Lily's prayer for Bree and her plans to serve at church let her light shine?

Chapters 16–20: Authority, Forgiveness, and a Visit

Lily learns to respect the police, forgives her mother, and visits her in prison for the first time.

1. What goes wrong when the young officer comes to school?

2. How does Lily choose to answer the detective's questions?

3. What changes in Lily after she forgives her mom?

4. Read Matthew 6:14–15. How does Lily's visit to her mother show this Bible verse in action?

Chapters 21–25: New Instructions and a New Family

Lily receives final instructions, obeys even when it is hard, and asks the Monroes to adopt her.

1. Who does Lily think the book tells her to "let down easy," and who is it really about?

2. What do Madison and Jason say when Principal Gardner tells the group to stop their Bible study?

3. How does Lily finally ask the Monroes to adopt her?

4. Read Galatians 4:4–5. How does Lily becoming part of God's family and the Monroe family show this Bible verse?

Whole-Book Discussion Questions

1. How does Lily change from the first chapter to the last?

2. Which instruction from the book surprised you most?

3. What part of Lily's story shows God keeping his promise to be with her?

4. How does Madison help Lily grow without making her feel small?

5. Read James 1:22. Where do you see Lily both hearing and doing what God says?

6. Which scene would you most like to act out or retell to a friend?

7. How does forgiving her mother free Lily more than it changes her mom?

8. What did you learn about respecting authority even when it feels unfair?

9. How does Lily's new family show what it means to be adopted by God?

10. Which character reminded you of someone you know?

11. What would you tell Lily if she asked you whether to give the book to Jason?

12. How has this story helped you want to listen to God 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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