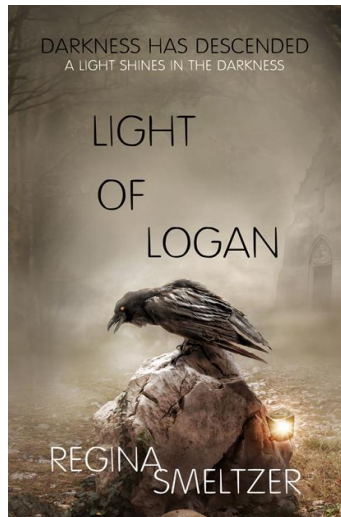


Discussion Questions



LIGHT OF LOGAN

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About the Book

Crows are appearing in Logan, South Carolina, and no one knows why. No one except an elderly blind man Mr. Charlie and a timid young agnostic Ruth Cleveland.

When Nate Baxter, falls in love with Ruth, he's unaware she is hiding a secret that threatens his Christianity and will drive him far from her.

Will God use this unlikely trio to save the town from an evil never imagined by the residents of Logan?

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Question 1: Mr. Charlie sits on the courthouse steps every day and people walk by, either ignoring or not seeing him. Why does God use such an invisible man rather than a more public figure like, perhaps, Pastor Clark? Have you ever felt ignored by others? How does this change your behavior and your image of yourself?

Answer 1: God knows our hearts and sees what others do not. The world may see us as nothing, but in God's eyes we are heroes.

Question 2: How does holding the secret of an unwed pregnancy and giving her child up for adoption impact Ruth's personality? Why did she keep the pregnancy secret? Was she right in doing this? How would things have been different if she had told her mother about the pregnancy? Have you ever held tight to a mistake you made, believing it to be unforgivable?

Answer 2: God can forgive anything, even when we think our sin is unforgivable. If Ruth had shared her secret with her mother, God still would have found a way to get Ruth to Logan, to meet Nate and to save the town.

Question 3: How does the closing of the church impact Nate? Does he change in the process? Do you feel so busy serving God at times that you neglect quiet time with your savior?

Answer 3: Nate served God by doing, and had to learn to let go and lean more on faith for his salvation rather than works. To Nate, the church represents God, and the damage to the building is defacing God.

Question 4: South Carolina as a state needs to improve its basic infrastructure but lacks the money to do it. When a new congressman, Joseph Ackerman, suggests taxing church real estate, the motive seems good. Satan has a way of making evil look appealing. Did the legislature have any way of knowing that Satan was behind the proposal? Have you even encountered something too good to be true, only to find out there was a hidden agenda behind the offer?

Answer 4: There is always a danger in seeking the easy way out. Prayerful consideration of all major changes will help to keep the outcome in God's will.

Question 5: Did the crows have any impact on the anger felt by the town members? Have you been in situations where something in the environment, perhaps the weather, the unpleasant water or food, or an angry neighbor, affected your mood and response?

Answer 5: The crows added to the creepy factor hovering over the town. The presence of an additional aggravation makes hating the church come easier. It is easier to hate when anger is at the surface already. Satan uses this tool often and well.

Question 6: God's hand is on Ruth throughout the story. His plan for her is in action from the fateful night she conceived a child, till the end of the book. There are many times when Satan

tries to intervene. Could Ruth have made decisions that would have changed God's plan for her happiness?

Answer 6: Ruth has free will, just like all of us. She could have chosen to marry Joseph, or she could have chosen to not stand up to the armed men at Mr. Charlie's house. God would have found a way to achieve His outcome, but Ruth would have lost the blessing.

Question 7: Betsy Ross seems to be the perfect Christian wife and mother. When she reveals her secret to Ruth, did your opinion of her change? Did her reaction to finding out who Chip's birth mother really was surprise you? How did God comfort Betsy? Have you ever found out something that shook the core of what you believed to be true? How did you react?

Answer 7: The church is made of imperfect people. Betsy's flaw proves God's redeeming love. God gave her a stable home, a child, and gave her the courage to ask for forgiveness of Ruth.

Question 8: Joseph Ackerman changes in the course of the story. What were Joseph's weaknesses and how did Satan use them?

Answer 8: Joseph belonged to a successful family. He felt inadequate next to their achievements and needed to prove his worth. When he failed to meet his goals on his own, he grabbed at any opportunity to be the big man. Unfortunately, he did not seek power from the only one who can give real power.

Question 9: History is full of examples of people following leaders because of their charisma and vague promises. Joseph was able to attract those who were angry at the church, and it seems they asked few questions but accepted his promises at face-value. God used a timid non-churched woman to stand up to the men and cause them to see reason. Why do you suppose God chose Ruth over Pastor Clark or Chet Ross who were also there at the end?

Answer 9 The men would not have listened to the voice of authority. Ruth, however, had not reason to tell them anything but the truth. God chooses the one who can do the job, and it is not always the most eloquent or the most well equipped for the job.

Question 10: In the beginning of the book, Logan was a quiet southern town. How did the closing of the churches impact this, and was the change initially good or bad? How did the town redeem itself? Have you gone through a rough time in your life, only to come out the other end better for having lived in the storm?

Answer 10: Initially closing of the churches was celebrated among the non-church people. When the expected money did not come, the joy turned to anger, then revenge. In the end, the example of the Christians proved stronger to the basically moral community.

