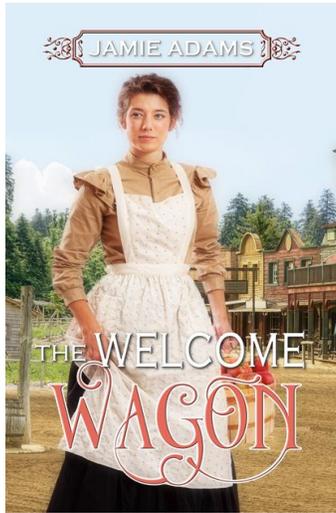


Discussion Questions



THE WELCOME WAGON

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About the Book

When a wagon train is attacked leaving women and children alone and vulnerable, churches throughout the Ozarks take them in. Maggie Lynn and her wards, along with three other women, end up in an out-of-the-way town in Arkansas. Maggie has seen her fair share of loss, but now she's responsible for raising her orphaned nieces and must find a way to support them.

Sensible small-town sheriff, Owen Sommers, tries to keep the peace when a wagon full of women descends on his city of bachelors, but his principles are challenged when he suspects the ladies have something to hide. His suspicions are confirmed when strangers appear in town looking for what they believe is rightfully theirs.

As tensions rise and hearts become entangled, will Maggie be able to trust Owen with the truth? And what will happen if she does?

TITLE: The Welcome Wagon

Discussion:

Question 1: Have you experienced circumstances out of your control? If so, how has it shaped you?

Answer 1: Maggie and the other ladies from The Welcome Wagon lost everything, leaving them at the mercy of strangers. As the recipients of kindness and hospitality they learned the importance of giving and receiving. Each of them grew from the experience.

Question 2: Do you have anyone in your life who seems to have an unshakable spirit?

Answer 2: Mrs. Lamb's strong faith kept the group grounded. Time spent in God's word allowed her to face life's problems head on with scriptures and wisdom.

Question 3: What would it take for a person to have faith like Mrs. Lamb's?

Answer 3: A close walk with The Lord, time spent in His Word and memorizing scripture all helped Mrs. Lamb accept challenges without fear.

Question 4: Have you experienced positive changes in your life that came because of spiritual growth?

Answer 4: At the beginning of the story Belinda is negative about most things. Her voice changes as she grows in her Christian walk. The more time she spends with other Christian women joy replaces the bitterness in her heart.

Question 5: How do you know when a decision is the best?

Answer 5: Belinda has a history of making bad decisions. Her boyfriend is a gambler and not someone to be trusted. Because of her poor choices she's become what some might call rough around the edges. As she grows in her Christian walk, she begins to search God's Word for the answers.

Question 6: Has your opinion of a situation ever changed when looking at it from someone else's point of view?

Answer 6: Sheriff Owen feels unappreciated when in fact he's everyone's friend. Perspective can change everything.

Question 7: Have you ever claimed a verse in a time of need?

Answer 7: At their darkest moment, the women from The Welcome Wagon claimed first Peter five seven Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. And trusted God to see them through.

Question 8: Do you have a verse from the Bible you consider your life's verse?

Answer 8: Mine is Proverbs 3:5 & 6. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. This theme has a way of sneaking into all my stories.

Question 9: Do you live in a close-knit community?

Answer 9 The people of West Ridge come together to help the Maggie and her friends. A small town in the middle of nowhere, they have learned to help one another to survive.

Question 10: Do you think Maggie should have told Owen the whole story from the start?

Answer 10: Once she comes to know and trust him it's much easier to share their secret. Communication is important and the lack of it almost kept them from becoming a family, but on the other hand Katie's safety was at stake.

