### **Discussion Questions**

#### **Chapter 1**

1. Why did Katherine and her husband Phil live in Brussels for five years?

2. What event was unfolding in the states, especially in Long Island, New York, while Elisabeth and her family boarded the ship at the docks?

3. What was the significance of Lindbergh's success to cross the Atlantic for the missionaries?

#### Chapter 2

1. Why was it such fun for Elisabeth to go on a walk with her father?

- 2. What did the Howard family do every time after dinner?
- 3. What did Elisabeth request for her prayer?
- 4. How was the importance of singing hymns demonstrated in the Howard family?
- 5. Was Elisabeth's prayer request answered?
- 6. What were Elisabeth's thoughts after receiving this joyful news?

#### **Chapter 3**

- 1. How were the Howard children disciplined in obedience?
- 2. Who was the most rascally member of the Howard family?
- 3. What prayer did Elisabeth write down in her Bible?
- 4. Who were frequent guests at the Howard's? Who made the deepest impression upon Elisabeth?
- 5. What desire of Betty left a deep imprint upon Elisabeth and contributed to her interest in the mission field?
- 6. Which event made Elisabeth realize that serving and giving your life to the Lord meant serious business?

#### **Chapter 4**

1. What is a GMT?

- 2. How did Elisabeth mature? What did she do to grow and mature spiritually?
- 3. What did Elisabeth notice in all the missionaries who visited their home?



### **Discussion Questions**

- 4. Where did Elisabeth attend for her growth?
- 5. Which missionary did Mrs. DuBose often quote from?
- 6. What did Elisabeth learn from the writings of this missionary?

#### **Chapter 5**

- 1. Where is Elisabeth at the beginning of the chapter?
- 2. Who did Elisabeth meet and study with at the college?
- 3. Why did Jim have the reputation of being a "woman-hater"?
- 4. What did discipleship mean for Elisabeth?
- 5. What did Elisabeth acknowledge in her prayer to the Lord?

#### **Chapter 6**

1. Why was Jim somehow committed to a single life even though he confessed to Elisabeth that he loved her and wanted her?

2. What would convince Jim to get married before he headed off to the mission field alone?

3. How was this a challenge for Elisabeth?

4. What was Elisabeth's suggestion upon this matter in submitting to Christ and leaving the issue of marriage in His hands?

- 1. Where did Elisabeth go to serve as a missionary?
- 2. What was Elisabeth's job in Ecuador?
- 3. Who did Elisabeth constantly end up thinking about whatever she may be doing?
- 4. How was Elisabeth able to learn the Colorado language?
- 5. How did Elisabeth know that Don Macario was sent from the Lord?
- 6. What was especially hard about the Colorado Indian language?



### **Discussion Questions**

#### **Chapter 8**

1. Who did not want the missionaries like Elisabeth to be in Ecuador sharing the Gospel?

2. What trial did Elisabeth experience which made her confused about the Lord's plan for her in the mission field?

3. Even while Elisabeth did not understand what the Lord was orchestrating and was confused, how did she show her faith during this time? What did she realize?

4. How did Jim decide between pursuing marriage?

5. What was one condition in which Jim asked Elisabeth before he married her?

6. Following Don Macario's death, what tragedy came before Elisabeth?

#### **Chapter 9**

1. Who invited Jim and Elisabeth to teach the people in Puyupungu?

- 2. Why did Chief Atanashio want the couple to stay?
- 3. Why was this opportunity a wide-open door for the Gospel?
- 4. What can stop the power of the Gospel?

#### **Chapter 10**

1. Why was Nate's plane such a blessing for Jim and Elisabeth?

- 2. Whose biography did Elisabeth and Jim read together every night before they went to sleep?
- 3. What blessing from the Lord came to the Elliot family, especially in the year 1954?
- 4. Which tribe in Ecuador did the missionaries learn about and tried to reach them with the Gospel?

#### Chapter 11

1. What did Nate spot in the jungle while he was scanning the deep, thick jungle from his yellow plane?

- 2. Where was the mission hub for the five missionary families in Ecuador?
- 3. What did the men decide to do before they went to the Auca territory to show their friendly intentions?
- 4. What did the missionaries agree to do when they made contact with the Aucas?



### **Discussion Questions**

#### Chapter 12

1. What did Jim request Elisabeth to do if he did not come back from the operation?

- 2. How did the first visit with the Aucas go?
- 3. Who was on their way to where the men were on Sunday?
- 4. Did the wives hear from the men as promised at 4:30?

5. What did the ladies, including Elisabeth, do after hearing the state of Nate's plane and the disappearance of the missionaries?

#### **Chapter 13**

- 1. What news was issued in LIFE Magazine 1956?
- 2. How much was Jesus worth to the martyred men and the wives?
- 3. Why were those who read the news surprised?
- 4. Why didn't Elisabeth have bitterness towards the Aucas?

#### **Chapter 14**

- 1. Why did Elisabeth visit New York shortly after Jim's martyrdom?
- 2. What was the title she gave to her book about the five missionaries?
- 3. What impact did the book have on the households in America?
- 4. What truth is stated in this chapter about what happens when we come face to face with death?
- 5. What instructions did Elisabeth find in the poem before she starts the "next thing?"

- 1. Two years after Jim's death, what did Elisabeth pray for as she returned to the mission work?
- 2. How was this prayer answered?
- 3. What were the plans of the Auca women after they met and spent time with Elisabeth?
- 4. Why was the Gospel of Jesus Christ amazing to the tribe, especially the Waoranis?



### **Discussion Questions**

5. What did Elisabeth find to do as the next thing for the Lord?

#### **Chapter 16**

1. Why did Elisabeth head back to the States after spending two years with the Waorani tribe?

2. For Valerie, what was the most important person in the home of Laura Ingalls?

3. How did Elisabeth comfort Valerie in response to her answer to the most important person in the home?

4. What was the response of Elisabeth when Valerie asked why God let her father get killed if God loved him so much?

5. What did Elisabeth do when she felt like she was sinking into despondency?

#### Chapter 17

1. Who did Elisabeth marry in 1969 after 13 years of living the life of a widow?

2. What concerned Elisabeth when she observed women as she traveled across the country to speak?

3. What did Elisabeth say about this movement in her writings?

4. What were the pieces of wisdom about Christian womanhood Elisabeth would include in her response to the questions she received?

5. What other tragedy inflicted Elisabeth at the end of the chapter?

#### **Chapter 18**

1. While addressing the remarks of a liberal theologian, what was Elisabeth's only desire during that time?

2. Who moved into Elisabeth's household shortly after Addison passed away?

3. What subject did Elisabeth teach at the school where Professor Addison taught?

4. What problem did Elisabeth see in the rise of feminism?

#### **Chapter 19**

1. Which book did Elisabeth write concerning Biblical womanhood?

2. What was Walt's request to Elisabeth?



### **Discussion Questions**

3. According to Elisabeth in her book for a godly woman, what must a godly woman desire to do with her life?

4. What was Elisabeth's conclusion to her book?

#### **Chapter 20**

1. Who did Elisabeth marry for her third husband?

2. What were some absurd speculations that were rumored about Elisabeth's marriage?

3. Which topic did Elisabeth always speak about whenever she traveled around the world?

#### **Chapter 21**

1. Which story did the visitors at Elisabeth's home always come to listen to?

2. In 1988, which radio program was Elisabeth asked to host?

3. What topic did this radio program include?

#### Chapter 22

1. What was Elisabeth diagnosed with as she grew older?

2. As Lars and Elisabeth recalled the great journey Elisabeth had trekked through, what marvelous truth did both realize?

3. Even though some people falsely remarked that dementia has robbed Elisabeth of her mind, what was true about her?

4. How has Elisabeth handled her most recent ordeal, dementia?



### **Answer Key**

#### **Chapter 1**

- 1. They were missionaries to Brussels seeking to minister to children in the slums and to teach Bible classes.
- 2. Charles Lindbergh was heading out to cross the Atlantic in his "Spirit of St. Louis".
- 3. With the ability to travel quickly by plane, missionaries could reach people groups who had never heard the gospel.

#### **Chapter 2**

- 1. Her father knew all the birds and trees and loved to teach them to his children.
- 2. They would sing hymns and Father would read a short portion of Scripture. They also prayed after writing down each family member's requests.
- 3. A new baby sister
- 4. The children quickly learned many hymns by memory because they loved to sing together.
- 5. Yes. The Lord provided the Howard family with a baby sister, Virginia Anne.
- 6. She thought of the Lord's care for her family. She realized that the Lord is real. He can be trusted, is always with her family, and notices every detail of her life.

#### **Chapter 3**

- They were expected to come instantly when called no matter how much fun they were having. Excuses or delays were viewed as disobedience.
- 2. Davey
- 3. She wrote down a prayer dedicating her life to the Lord's will and purpose, and for the Lord to send her wherever He willed.
- 4. Many missionaries, but for Elisabeth, Betty Scott made the deepest impression.
- 5. Betty's desire for her life to be given to the service of her Master, and her self denial for the sake of the Gospel left a deep impression upon Elisabeth.
- 6. The Stam family's martyrdom in China shortly after their arrival there to preach the gospel.

#### **Chapter 4**

- 1. A project which the Howard children created to prepare themselves to be like the missionaries: Good Missionary Training.
- 2. She kept her ears open for older, wiser believers who might teach her more about yielding her unruly spirit to the Lord.
- 3. She noticed that all missionaries she met were such regular people. They did not sugarcoat their work.
- 4. Hampton DuBose Boarding School
- 5. Amy Carmichael
- 6. She realized that she needed to learn total acceptance of things God wanted her to do and become.

#### **Chapter 5**

- 1. Wheaton College
- 2. Jim Elliot
- 3. Since Jim devoted his life wholeheartedly to the Lord, he had

to say no to dating or marriage.

- 4. Live, and possibly die surrendering to the will of God in everything she had or wanted.
- 5. She acknowledged that her life belonged completely to the Lord and that she would accept whatever God willed for her life.

#### **Chapter 6**

- 1. Jim explained to Elisabeth that single missionaries are available to do things married ones could not.
- 2. Jim told Elisabeth that he will not get married unless God somehow clearly revealed to him that he should.
- 3. This was a challenge for Elisabeth because it required faith for her to trust in the Lord in this time of uncertainty and for the Lord to show Jim whether to marry him or not.
- She suggested that she and Jim not meet and talk often because it would make it harder to submit to the Lord's Will.

### Chapter 7

- 1. Ecuador
- 2. Her job was to work on transcribing the sounds of the Indian language into words on paper towards the ultimate goal of translating the New Testament into their musical language.
- 3. Jim Elliot
- 4. Through the aid of Don Macario.
- 5. He was a Christian who grew up with the Colorado Indians, knew their language, and was looking for a way to serve the Lord. He was the perfect person Elisabeth needed to learn the language.
- 6. The hardest challenge they faced in the Colorado language was to form a sentence.

#### **Chapter 8**

- 1. The Spanish Catholics did not want the missionaries to serve among the tribes.
- 2. The murder of Don Macario, the only Christian who could speak the two languages necessary to spread the Gospel in the tribe.
- 3. Amidst a hard trial for Elisabeth's faith, she cultivated a spirit of acceptance and grew to trust in the Lord. She realized that in acceptance, there lies a way of knowing the Lord more deeply.
- 4. The Lord allowed Jim to notice his failures while serving in the mission field alone.
- 5. Jim required Elisabeth to learn the Quichua language before marriage so that they could minister to those people together.
- 6. Her collection of important notes were stolen.

- 1. Chief Atanasio
- 2. He wanted them to stay to teach the children and the



### **Answer Key**

orphans. Also, the people wanted to hear more of the Word of Chapter 15 God after the unsatisfactory work of the Catholic Priests who did not get along with the chief.

- 3. All of the Chief's people respected him. If he told them to listen to the Gospel, they would listen.
- 4. Absolutely nothing. Neither flood, failures, or fearful obstacles.

#### **Chapter 10**

- 1. With Nate's plane, they were able to obtain supplies quicker and without any hazard using a wobbly canoe. Also, they were able to locate the tribes from the air.
- 2. Amy Charmichael
- 3. Elisabeth and Jim were expecting heir first child.
- 4. The Auca tribe

#### Chapter 11

- 1. A little clearing of huts and Indians living there.
- 2. Shell Mera
- 3. They would go into the territory unarmed so that they did not 2. A daddy appear threatening to the Aucas.
- 4. They were not to use guns or any other defense strategies unless it is some sort of terrible emergency.

#### **Chapter 12**

- 1. Jim asked her to teach the believers.
- 2. The first visit seemed to be a success.
- 3. About ten Auca warriors were making their way to Palm Beach
- 4. No. The radio remained silent with no news from the missionaries.
- 5. The five wives gathered at Shell Mera to pray.

#### **Chapter 13**

- 1. LIFE covered the story of the death of the courageous five missionaries to the Aucas.
- 2. Jesus was worthy of anything and everything they could give.
- 3. Because in the era of pursuing pleasure, prosperity, and the American Dream, here five men pursued something greater and gave up their lives for it.
- 4. Because she knew that this deep wound came from following her master and because the Aucas didn't know better. They did not yet know Christ.

#### **Chapter 14**

- 1. She visited there so that she could write the book describing the work of the Lord through the five missionary families.
- 2. Through the Gates of Splendor
- 3. Many read the book and young people who read the book gave their hearts to Christ. Others gave their lives to spread the Gospel on distant mission fields, the Lord used the book in powerful ways.
- 4. The world loses its grip on our hearts.
- 5. She was instructed to immediately do that next thing the Lord provided her by prayer, rely on Him by casting all care, with reverence, looking to Jesus, and trusting in Him.

- 1. She prayed that if there may be anything the Lord would want her to do about the Aucas, she would be available.
- 2. Two Auca women arrived at the Quichuas' settlement after escaping from the tribe.
- 3. They planned that when the palm fruit ripened, they would go back to their homes.
- 4. The Gospel of Jesus was amazing to them because their conception of death was so marred and so far from the truth.
- 5. She found that she could teach and disciple the same tribe who killed her husband.

#### **Chapter 16**

- 1. She went back to the States for Valerie's proper education.
- 3. Elisabeth explained to Valerie that God is a Daddy to Valerie while she lost her earthly daddy. She also reminded Valerie that God is letting her know of His love better by being a Father to her in her loneliness.
- 4. Elisabeth told Valerie that even though she doesn't know why God chose to take away her husband from her, she reminded her that He is good and that He has given her a blessing even if it was a short one.
- 5. She remembered the poem which encouraged her with these words: Fear not tomorrow, trust that with Jesus, do the next thing.

### Chapter 17

- 1. Dr. Addison Leitch
- 2. She noticed the feminist movement was gaining strength with women who had discouragements about marriage and children. Many Christians were embracing this ideology as well.
- 3. She wrote that this movement was wrong-headed. She wrote you could not be a Christian and a feminist at the same time.
- 4. A Christian woman's privilege is to bear children, nurturing them as God has given her to bear and love. There is no greater cause to which she can devote her time and talent than serving the Lord through raising sons and daughters for the glory and worship of Christ.
- 5. Her second husband, Addison Leitch, passed away after four years of marriage.

- 1. Her only desire was to be faithful to what God's Word said.
- 2. A student named Walt.
- 3. Christian expression
- 4. Feminist women evaded completely the idea of who women are. They twisted the Bible's Words by min-



imizing all differences between man and woman and were unsatisfied with God's plan for womanhood.

#### Chapter 19

- 1. Let Me Be a Woman
- 2. Walt asked permission for Valerie's hand in marriage.
- 3. All godly women desire to accept the Lord's will for their life.
- 4. You can't talk about equality and self-giving in the same breath. Marriage is one to lead and one to follow. The godly woman finds delight in yielding to the husband's leadership.

#### **Chapter 20**

- 1. Lars Gren
- 2. Some rumored that she'd been married as much as four times, and it was even rumored that she married Hudson Taylor.
- 3. She would speak on purity, waiting on God, and the distinction between the roles of masculinity and femininity.

#### Chapter 21

- 1. They came to listen firsthand to the account of the Lord's work among the Waorani.
- 2. Gateway to Joy
- 3. The radio program included the stories of her life, encouragement to walk with the Lord, themes of suffering and worship, and the joys that come along with entering through the gateway leading to the Lord Himself.

- 1. Dementia, an illness of old age that attacks the mind.
- 2. They both realized how the Lord was faithful to her all these years in midst of trials and in times of blessings.
- 3. All Elisabeth wanted, and ever wanted was the Lord's will. Following Him was all she ever wanted to do, and getting Him was her greatest gift.
- 4. She handled the illness just as she did the deaths of her husbands. She accepted those things, knowing they were no surprise to God. It was something she would rather not have experienced, but she received it.

