Discussion Questions

Chapter 1

- 1. What were the Chinese people doing at the beginning of this chapter?
- 2. Why did Chinese women walk with bound feet in those days?
- 3. How did the Chinese view these foreigners?
- 4. What was Hudson's message to the Chinese?
- 5. How did Hudson's listeners respond?

Chapter 2

- 1. When did Hudson's journey to China begin?
- 2. What did Mrs. Taylor's journal consist of?
- 3. Why did those at the Methodist church refer to Mrs. Taylor as a nightingale?
- 4. What very important principle does Mrs. Taylor record in her journal right after the record of her marriage?
- 5. What did Mr. Taylor choose to do with his firstborn son?
- 6. What does Mrs. Taylor also observe in her children?
- 7. What important lesson did Amelia learn from her mother about sibling relationships?

Chapter 3

- 1. What was the conversation at the Breakfast table about?
- 2. According to Mr. Taylor, what pities him about China even if it is a country of great numbers in population, inventions, and territory?
- 3. To further the gospel in China, what did Mr. Taylor say Christians should do?
- 4. Who was given the most inspiration through this brief conversation about China?
- 5. What was his father's response after Hudson enthusiastically expressed his willingness to go to China?

Chapter 4

1. How does Amelia's journal describe Hudson's former spiritual life?



Discussion Questions

- 2. What sin did Hudson struggle with?
- 3. Was Hudson's soul missing something according to Mrs. Taylor? What was it?
- 4. What did Amelia commit to doing for her lost and wayward brother?
- 5. When did Hudson finally give himself to Christ?
- 6. Which occasion brought him to an interest in the gospel?
- 7. How did Hudson's Mother know of her son's conversion eighty miles away?
- 8. Why should we not be ashamed of Christ and His Word? How did Amelia explain it to Louisa?
- 9. During Hudson's prayer, what did the voice which spoke to his soul say?

Chapter 5

- 1. Why did Mrs. Taylor think that Hudson would not easily find a woman to marry him?
- 2. What did Hudson and Mrs. Taylor do together before Hudson's journey to China?
- 3. According to Mrs. Taylor, why was she letting Hudson leave his family and not keeping him at her house with the family?
- 4. What is Hudson's reason to leave for China? What did he restate to his mother just before his ship sailed away from the dock?
- 5. Hudson did face suffering in parting with his mother at the dock. What does Hudson mention about suffering for Christ?

- 1. What does Amelia think of Louisa's faith in Christ? What does Amelia want most for her sister?
- 2. According to Hudson's letter, what essentials did he need to study Mandarin?
- 3. To where did Hudson invite Amelia to travel with him, and who did they meet?
- 4. What was Hudson's response after Mr. Lobscheild's remark about the impossibility of him getting the Chinese people to listen?



Discussion Questions

- 5. For Hudson, what was far more important than to live in comfort?
- 6. How was Hudson managing his income? What did he do with the money he received? Did this make him happy? Why or why not?
- 7. How did Hudson experience provision after a total lack of money?
- 8. Why didn't Hudson visit Dr. Hardey and remind him that his salary is overdue?
- 9. How did God work out His sovereign plan for Hudson's salary?

Chapter 7

- 1. How did Hudson help his old landlady when she was struggling financially? How did that affect Hudson? Even when Hudson ended up with no money at all, who was looking after Hudson financially?
- 2. What was Amelia's explanation of the storm Hudson faced being part of the devil's schemes? What important part did Amelia explain to Louise regarding this?
- 3. How did Hudson comfort himself during the storm?
- 4. Who did Hudson meet on board, and what did they organize together?
- 5. What did the four men do when they were informed that the ship was slowly drifting towards sunken reefs? Were their prayers answered?
- 6. What did Hudson realize after arriving in Shanghai?

- 1. What could Hudson do and not do amidst the fierce battle north of Shanghai?
- 2. What did Hudson wish for the most in his letter?
- 3. Where did Hudson head to after arriving in Songjiang?
- 4. How did Hudson respond when the priest asked him to kneel before Buddha?
- 5. What happened at Tong Zhou? What was this place known as?
- 6. Who was the first convert in China?



Discussion Questions

7. How did Hudson seek to make the Chinese more comfortable around him?

Chapter 9

- 1. What did William and Hudson boldly do at Nanxun's immoral play?
- 2. How did that action lead to some hearing the Gospel?
- 3. Why was Hudson disheartened and discouraged?
- 4. What did Hudson decide to do after leaving the CES?
- 5. When were Hudson and Maria married?
- 6. Even amidst trials in their life, what strengthened Hudson and Maria?
- 7. What caused Hudson and Maria to be separated?

Chapter 10

- 1. What did the whole Taylor family share in common by spring of 1860?
- 2. How many years did it take for Louisa to come to the true knowledge of Salvation?
- 3. What book did Hudson write in 1865?
- 4. What did Hudson ask God to do in China?
- 5. What was the bank account name for Hudson's ministry?
- 6. How did the missionaries through CIM deal with their income and salary?
- 7. How many missionaries did Hudson take with him on His journey back to China?

- 1. What was Grace diagnosed with? What happened to her?
- 2. Why did Hudson have to station guards at the mission compound?
- 3. What were these riots called?
- 4. What report did Hudson receive after returning to the compound?



Discussion Questions

- 5. Were his family and others safe? How did they escape the attack?
- 6. What was incredible about Maria's Bible after it was torn to shreds in the attack?
- 7. According to Mrs. Taylor's letter to Amelia, why were Hudson's children quite prone to falling sick?
- 8. What conclusion did they decide on to do for their children?
- 9. What was the news Amelia received through a letter at the end of the chapter?

- 1. How did Hudson pray after his wife's death?
- 2. What job must Hudson and his new wife Jennie continue?
- 3. When did Hudson pass away into the arms of our Lord whom he served diligently?



Answer Key

Chapter 1

- They were crowding around a foreigner and shouting insults at him.
- 2. Their feet were bound from a young age to prevent their feet from growing. It was a Chinese custom that big feet were unattractive.
- Many believed that foreigners were uncivilized, uneducated, and lacked manners.
- 4. Hudson Taylor preached the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Some of them were amazed by his rhetoric. Some laughed. And some left without saying a word but thought more about what Hudson had said.

Chapter 2

- 1. Hudson's journey to China began in September 1853.
- 2. Mrs. Taylor's journal consisted of records of her thoughts, prayers, hopes, and dreams.
- She had such a sweet, sweet voice when she sang a medley of hymns and spiritual songs.
- 4. Mrs. Taylor points out that their marriage was easier because both were united in their faith. They have also remembered to put God first before anything.
- Mr. Taylor chose to follow through with what the Scripture stated about the first-born son and sanctify him to the Lord; set apart for His service and glory.
- None of her children were perfect. They all had faults and imperfections
- Since Louisa has still not made peace with God, Amelia should all the more love her sister into the kingdom of God. Mrs.
 Taylor reminds her not to squabble or hurt her unnecessarily and pray for her continuously.

Chapter 3

- 1. China
- 2. Even with the advancement of inventions, territories, population, and education in the country, it is a pity for Mr. Taylor that so few Chinese know about Christ and His salvation.
- 3. Christians must flood China with missionaries and send shiploads of Bibles to flood the country with God's Word.
- 4. Hudson
- 5. Ministering in China is not for Hudson.

Chapter 4

- Hudson seemed to be wandering around in his world of darkness.
- 2. Drunkenness, cursing, blasphemy, and lust.
- 3. Hudson's soul was without a Savior.
- 4. She committed to pray for Hudson every day until the day he would give himself totally to God.
- 5. June 1849.
- 6. Out of boredom, he picked up a gospel tract in his father's study and read it.
- 7. She prayed until she was sure her prayers were answered. She was given assurance that her prayers were answered.

- 8. There is no need to be ashamed of Christ because once we realize what Christ has done for us, we are compelled to tell others about our amazing Savior.
- 9. "Go to China"

Chapter 5

- Few women would leave the comforts of home for a life of uncertainty and poverty.
- 2. The vessel was delayed and Mr. Taylor had to leave early.
- 3. They both prayed.
- Because Hudson was going to serve the Lord, there was nothing on this earth that would persuade his mother to keep him.
- 5. Hudson was not leaving for wealth or fame, but to share the knowledge of the gospel with the Chinese.

Chapter 6

- She was still unsure whether or not Louisa was converted. Amelia desired for Louisa to seek the Lord, know Him, and be saved.
- 2. A Chinese dictionary and a grammar book.
- 3. London, to meet Mr. Lobscheid
- 4. Hudson only replied that it is God who called him to China and that He knows the color of his hair and eyes.
- 5. As far as Hudson was concerned, it was more important to obey God, than to live in comfort.
- 6. He planned to live cheaply to learn to endure hardships. Aside from the money he used for food, all the rest he gave away. The more he gave away, the happier he was, because he was learning to trust in the Lord's provision.
- 7. After a total lack of money, he received a gold half-sovereign in a letter.
- 8. This was part of Hudson's training to rely solely upon God for provision.
- The doctor did not have any money to pay Hudson's salary after sending it all to the bank. But in God's providence, the richest patient decided to pay up his bill in cash. This is something which that particular customer usually did not do.

- Hudson decided to help her out and immediately gave her money from his salary. Even if this meant that Hudson ended up with no money at all, God looked after Hudson.
- As Christians, we are in conflict with the devil. He aims to destroy the kingdom of God, but he can never do it. God is mightier and none can overcome the devil's power.
- 3. He read one or two hymns, some Psalms, and the Gospel of John chapters thirteen to fifteen.
- He found a Swedish fellow Christian, and both organized regular Bible teaching and worship among the crew.



Answer Key

- 5. They all prayed. Their prayers were answered.
- 6. He was lonely. He did not know anyone there.

Chapter 8

- Hudson could bring them the good news of the gospel of peace, but he could not save the prisoners being dragged along in front of him, and he also could not treat the wounded since he did not have the necessary equipment with him.
- 2. He wished for a wife to love and care for him.
- 3. To the Buddhist temples.
- 4. He refused their request and warned them of the foolishness of their idolatry.
- Many men mistook them for rebel soldiers and started a violent riot against them. That place was known as "Satan's Seat"
- 6. Guihua, a young cook in China.
- 7. He wore Chinese clothes, and a big black pigtail. He also tried dying his hair and shaving his head.

Chapter 9

- 1. They boldly jumped up on the stage and shouted warnings against the immoral behavior.
- 2. Many of those who attended that play were curious to hear why the missionaries disrupted the play and what it was that they wanted to say.
- 3. All his thirty thousand New Testament copies were destroyed in a fire that consumed the warehouse. Also, Elizabeth sent a letter of refusal of marriage to him.
- After leaving CES, he decided to rely entirely on the Lord for all his needs.
- 5. January 20th, 1858
- 6. The love of God strengthened them
- 7. The rioting against the foreigners separated Hudson and Maria, Maria being escorted to safety.

Chapter 10

- 1. The whole Taylor family was trusting in Jesus Christ.
- 2. Twenty years.
- 3. China: Its Spiritual Need and Claims
- 4. Hudson asked the Lord for twenty-four fellow workers, two for each of the eleven inland provinces without a missionary.
- 5. CIM. "China Inland Mission"
- The missionaries were not guaranteed a salary but were to trust the Lord to supply their needs. Incomes would be shared. No debts were to be incurred.
- 7. Sixteen missionaries

Chapter 11

- 1. She was diagnosed with meningitis. She passed away.
- Hudson had to station guards because of the mobs that were driven by the riots.
- 3. The Yangzhou Riots
- 4. The report was that all foreigners who were left inside the building were killed.
- It turned out that, by God's providence, Hudson's family was safe. They escaped through the window by softening the fall by

- placing mattresses on the ground.
- 6. As they gathered the pages of Maria's Bible, they found out that not a single page was missing.
- While Hudson and Maria are working and traveling around, the children were usually left behind with a nurse.
- 8. They decided to send them back to Britain.
- 9. Hudson's wife Maria passed away.

- Hudson prayed a prayer of thanks to the Lord for the opportunity to spend time and get to know his wife for twelve and a half years. He also renewed his dedication to serving the Lord.
- 2. Glorify Jesus Christ in China by spreading the Gospel to the people there.
- 3. Hudson Taylor's earthly pilgrimage ended on June 3rd, 1905.

