Robert Murray McCheyne

Discussion Questions

Chapter 1

- 1. What were Robert's favorite languages he studied in school?
- 2. Where was Robert originally from?
- 3. While he stayed in Clarencefield, what did Robert learn from his Aunt and Uncle?

Chapter 2

- 1. Why did Robert like reading Greek myths so much?
- 2. What did David read to his father on his birthday?
- 3. What were some places that were mentioned in the conversation between Willie and Robert?

Chapter 3

- 1. What happened to Tron church during the great fire of Edinburgh?
- 2. What was David seeking to become through his studies?
- 3. While on their way to church one Sunday, what question did David ask Robert? What was Robert's response?
- 4. After becoming a member of the church, what did Robert study?

Chapter 4

- 1. What happened to David, brother of Robert?
- 2. What did Robert want as he thought over his brother's last days after his passing? What did he think about after his brother passed away?
- 3. What sort of effects did these thoughts produce in Robert's life?

Chapter 5

- 1. Who is Tully?
- 2. How did John Bonar comfort a family who has lost their infant children?
- 3. What illness was Robert diagnosed with? What did Robert say about this illness when he thought about the possibility of death?



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Discussion Questions

Chapter 6

- 1. What was the condition of the poor in Dundee according to Robert?
- 2. What promises did Robert make before his ordination as a minister?
- 3. What was the name of the place the McCheynes lived in Dundee?

Chapter 7

- 1. What practice was used for the reservation of church pews?
- 2. What did the elders of the church organize apart from the three worship services on Sundays? What did the believers do there?
- 3. What broke Robert's heart more than the passing of Christians in front of him?
- 4. Who can change the darkest cities in the world?

Chapter 8

- 1. How old was Robert in this chapter? What was the condition of his health at this time?
- 2. Which people group did Robert have interest in?
- 3. Where did Robert and others from Scotland travel?

Chapter 9

- 1. Where did Robert and the company reach after their journey in the desert?
- 2. What were the four things reported about the Jewish people in Jerusalem?
- 3. What is Anti-Semitism?

Chapter 10

- 1. What news did Robert receive about Dundee?
- 2. Was Robert feeling envious of the blessing God has sent through William Burns' ministry while he was away traveling in Jerusalem?
- 3. What calendar did Robert provide for the congregation in his church?
- 4. How old was Robert when he passed away?



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Answer Key

Chapter 1

- 1. Latin and Greek
- 2. Edinburgh
- 3. Robert learned how to harvest food.

Chapter 2

- Robert liked reading the Greek myths because they were full of courageous acts, friendship, and loyalty.
- 2. A poem he wrote to his father.
- 3. Greece, Rome, and India.

Chapter 3

- The church appeared to be safe at first, but one little flame caught on to the tower and the whole tower collapsed and was destroyed.
- 2. David was studying law to become a Christian lawyer.
- David asked Robert if he was truly a Christian. Robert replied by saying he believed in God and tried to follow what the Bible taught.
- 4. He studied theology to become a minister.

Chapter 4

- 1. His health became weaker and weaker until he passed away.
- Robert wanted the joy that David had even in his time of death. Robert wondered if he would go to heaven when he died
- Robert wanted to know more about God's Word and to grow in his faith.

Chapter 5

- 1. Tully is Robert's horse he always traveled with.
- 2. John Bonar comforted them by saying that Jesus understands their heartbreak and he pointed them to the cross so that their sins might be forgiven.
- 3. Tuberculosis. Robert stated that he would be preaching as a dying man to dying men. Robert decided to be more urgent in his preaching of the gospel.

Chapter 6

- The poor lived in miserable conditions. Lack of water, the cold, and all the diseases around them made it a very difficult environment.
- Robert promised that he would teach the people what God said in the Bible.
- 3. Strawberry Bank

Chapter 7

- 1. The church allowed the congregation to pay seat rents for the church pews because many times, the seats were all taken at the morning worship service.
- The elders organized a prayer meeting every Thursday. The believers there sang, read the Bible and listened to a short sermon by Robert.
- When a Christian dies, there is assurance that we will meet them in heaven. But Robert was heartbroken when unbelievers around him died.

 Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Gospel. The darkest cities in the world can be transformed when sinful people come to Christ and receive the Gospel.

Chapter 8

- 1. Age 25. Robert's health was poor. Robert had a constant cough and the doctor knew he probably would not live much longer, especially if he did not rest.
- 2. The Jewish people
- 3. Palestine

Chapter 9

- 1. Jerusalem
- 2. First, the Jews were superstitious in the extreme. Second, missionaries would have few points of contact with the Jews. Third, it was regarded as an awful calamity for a Jew to become a Christian. Fourth, the Jewish people in Jerusalem were dependent on money coming from their fellow Jews in Europe. As a result, if a Jew was converted to Christianity, his supply of money would be cut off.
- Anti-Semitism is discrimination and hostility against the Jewish people.

Chapter 10

- People in Dundee and Kilsich had experienced a spiritual revival.
- No. He gave thanks to the Lord for the marvelous things He had done.
- 3. Robert provided a Scripture Calendar so that the congregation would be able to read the whole Bible in a year.
- 4. Age 29

