Discussion Questions

Chapter 1

- 1. Why was Palko raised by Rasga who was neither his father nor grandfather? To what extent did Palko himself know of this?
- 2. What was Rasga's plea to Juriga in their conversation? What did Juriga promise?
- 3. What is described as strange in this chapter as people were partaking in harvesting God's provision by chopping down the trees?
- 4. What kind of character trait does Palko have?
- 5. What parable of the Bible did Juriga never hear about?

Chapter 2

- 1. Who came to Juriga and Palko for accommodations while he stayed for a few weeks to work?
- 2. From whom did Palko hear about the Sunshine Country for the first time?
- 3. What did Palko find over the ledge down where a little spring came out of the mountain?
- 4. What did he find in that little cave?
- 5. Which account in the Bible did Palko read in that book?

Chapter 3

- 1. Why didn't Palko want everyone to know about his discovery about the cave and the book which would lead him to the Sunshine Country?
- 2. Who did Palko want to know more and more about?
- 3. Why couldn't Palko rejoice after reading a specific portion of Scripture?
- 4. Was his attitude the same after reading the rest of that great, awesome, and glorious event?
- 5. How did Palko pray to the Lord Jesus?
- 6. How can you tell that Palko learned from the example of Jesus when Juriga was in a bad mood and slapped Palko?

Chapter 4

1. When Juriga woke up again the following morning, what did he realize about his actions the previous night and



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the reality of temptation?

- 2. How did Palko forgive Juriga for his actions the night before?
- 3. Did Juriga know what Palko was sharing with him?
- 4. What did Palko tell Juriga he would pray about for him?
- 5. Why didn't Palko want Juriga to drink?
- 6. Did Juriga really stop his drinking?

Chapter 5

- 1. Why wasn't Palko able to find the time to visit his Sunshine Valley during the following week?
- 2. If Palko really wanted to read the Scriptures in the Sunshine Valley, why didn't he bring that book home with him so that he could read whenever he wanted and not only on Sundays?
- 3. Why did Palko think that the same story in the Gospel accounts was repeated four times?
- 4. What did Palko realize after reading the account of the paralytic man? What did he do after this conviction?
- 5. What question did Palko ask the priest?
- 6. Which passage did Father Malina open to which pointed to the true authority to forgive sins?
- 7. What was the priest's question regarding assurance in the forgiveness of sins?
- 8. Who came to shelter in the cave where Palko was reading from the Scriptures?
- 9. Who were enthusiastic and eager to learn more about what Palko had learned at the Sunshine Valley?

- 1. Why didn't Lesina think that he and Juriga were like the child Jesus used as an example to His disciples?
- 2. Who did Palko realize was the Lamb that has a throne in heaven?
- 3. How did Palko pray after realizing his tendency to be slothful?
- 4. Who did Palko meet after he prayed?



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- 5. Who is the Holy Spirit according to Father Malina?
- 6. What must Palko do in order to possess the Holy Spirit in his heart?

Chapter 7

- 1. What is something Lesina cannot, and will never be able to say?
- 2. Why wasn't Lesina able to ask for forgiveness and cleansing for sin?
- 3. What did Palko do with Lesina after hearing about Lesina's experience?
- 4. What did Lesina offer Palko?
- 5. What was Palko's response?

Chapter 8

- 1. What did Father Malina ask Juriga about Palko?
- 2. How did Palko respond to this news that would provide his grandfather some increase during his absence?
- 3. What was one of Palko's happiest moments during the time spent with Father Malina?
- 4. In their happy reading of the Scriptures, what important question did Palko ask Father Malina?
- 5. How does Father Malina respond to this question?
- 6. Why was Father Malina happy at the end of the chapter?

- 1. Who sent a letter to Juriga? What news did it contain?
- 2. If Lesina's wife would come with him, what change would occur to Palko's daily routine?
- 3. What did Father Malina advise Palko to do after seeing that Palko was torn between two choices of serving the priest or Lesina's wife?
- 4. What connection did Father Malina see between Lesina's account of losing his child and Palko's background story?
- 5. When Palko and Juriga experienced provision through the generous giving from Father Malina, which Scripture



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does Juriga quote?

Chapter 10

- 1. How did Palko keep his promise of serving Lesina's wife cheerfully and with obedience to the Lord?
- 2. How did Palko encourage Lesina's wife about her lost son?
- 3. What was the name of Lesina's long-lost son?
- 4. What change did Lesina see in his wife?
- 5. What did Lesina desire for himself and his wife to find?

Chapter 11

- 1. Why did Palko have the feeling of lacking something even though this change in his life brought about much happiness?
- 2. Why did the goodwife think that Father Malina was acting strange lately?
- 3. What was the message Father Malina preached for the last two Sundays to the church?
- 4. What was the first thing Palko did when he visited Father Malina?
- 5. How did Father Malina respond to the goodwife's message of her commitment to making pilgrimages, paying for masses, and doing everything else necessary to obtain and find the way to God?
- 6. What did Father Malina request from Palko before he left for home?
- 7. Why were Juriga and Lesina unsure about the Priest's invitation to see him the next day?

- 1. Why did Father Malina want to meet with Juriga?
- 2. What did the priest have Juriga do after he visited the priest for a meeting?
- 3. Did Juriga do what the priest asked him to do?
- 4. How did the two stories come together?
- 5. What promise did Lesina's wife give to Juriga?



Discussion Questions

Chapter 13

- 1. How did Palko take care of his sick friend Father Malina?
- 2. What important truth does Father Malina speak about the crown of righteousness?
- 3. Which portion of Scripture did Father Malina ask Palko to read?
- 4. What was Father Malina's last desire before his death?
- 5. What did Father Malina instruct Palko to do after he arrived at the Sunshine Country?

Chapter 14

- 1. Where did Palko want to go with Father Malina?
- 2. Why did he want to go there with the priest?
- 3. Who did Palko meet in the cave where he found the Book?
- 4. How did Palko encourage the mechanic after he mentioned that he had wandered away from the path of the Sunshine Country?
- 5. Does Mischko forgive and love his father after discovering that Lesina is his father?

- 1. What was Palko thinking about at the beginning of the chapter?
- 2. What were some new blessings in his life Palko thought about?
- 3. Who else did Palko share the way to the Sunshine Country with?
- 4. According to Father Malina, what is the most beautiful of all the heavenly things in the Sunshine Country?
- 5. Where did Father Malina go after all at the end of the chapter?
- 6. Until the Lord called Palko to the Sunshine Country, what did Palko ask the Lord for?



Answer Key

Chapter 1

- Palko was found by Rasga's daughter after being abandoned in the woods. After his daughter died, Rasga adopted Palko himself and took care of him. Since Rasga decided it would be unwise to tell Palko about this matter, Palko knew nothing about this.
- Rasga pleaded with Juriga to take Palko and let him stay in Juriga's house, and protect him since Rasga did not have much longer to live. Juriga promised Rasga that he would take Palko in, send him to school, and make him an apprentice to learn skills in making sieves and wooden spoons.
- 3. Among the crackling and crashes of the trees falling, there was a murmur of human voices which included coarse jesting (crude language and behavior). It was strange that, in the midst of that beautiful scene of God's blessing, men should act like this way.
- Palko has, according to Juriga, a lovely trait of the same simplicity and whole-hearted confidence toward everyone he met.
- 5. Juriga never heard of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Thus, he trusted in himself that he was righteous.

Chapter 2

- 1. Martin Lesina
- 2. Palko's mother Anna, who adopted him, told him about the Sunshine Country.
- 3. He saw a hole in the rock which appeared to be a dwelling that was unoccupied.
- 4. Palko saw a book on the table that told him of the way to the Sunshine Country if he would read everything carefully line by line
- He read the account of the birth of Christ, and about the wise men.

Chapter 3

- 1. He was afraid that if he told someone about his discovery, all the items he had found; the mysterious caves, the book, and the hope of Sunshine Country would disappear.
- 2. Jesus
- 3. Palko couldn't rejoice because he read the portion of Christ's sacrificial atonement and His burial. He had no joy because, in his mind, Jesus was dead, buried in the tomb.
- 4. His attitude changed from gloom to joy once he read that Christ had risen from the dead.
- 5. He prayed that Jesus would show him the true way to the Sunshine Country.
- 6. He asked Jesus not to count his sins against him because Juriga didn't know that Jesus was there.

Chapter 4

- He struck a boy that had done nothing against him. He realized the temptation may also come by means of others pressuring you.
- 2. Palko forgave him quickly and shared what he had learned about Christ.

- 3. Yes. He did identify it as being the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- He told Juriga that he will pray that Juriga won't drink anymore.
- He was afraid that Jesus would not stay in that hut if Juriga kept drinking and swearing.
- Yes. Even those working with Juriga were surprised he did not visit the tavern anymore.

Chapter 5

- Palko couldn't find the time because his grandfather had promised people at the chapel-house and others that his grandson would bring them strawberries and mushrooms every day.
- The book was not his, and he had no right to carry it home. Besides, he always hailed with joy at the arrival of Sunday because he looked forward to reading the Scriptures.
- 3. He concluded that it might be there to make people pay more attention to it. Furthermore, there are some unique passages in every account like the passage about the paralytic.
- 4. This account made Palko realize his sins, and that the Lord Jesus would need to pardon that sin. Palko bowed his head, confessed to Christ his sins, prayed for forgiveness of those sins, and declared that he truly believed that Christ has pardoned him in spite of the things he had done.
- He asked if it was the priest who pardoned the sins of the people, or if Jesus is the One who pardoned them. Furthermore, he asked the important question if God had told the priest what was told to Christ after His baptism.
- 6. He opened to a passage in Matthew where Matthew described Christ as the one that saves His people from their sins.
- 7. He had an agitated heart that questioned the assurance of redemption; liberation from the power and guilt of sin. He wondered how Palko had such confidence in Christ forgiving all of his sins when the priest, being looked at by people around as a man of God had none.
- 8. Lesina
- 9. Lesina, Juriga, and even Liska.

- Lesina stated that if they really believed with their whole heart every Word that is written in the Scriptures as Palko did, their life would be very different from what it was.
- 2. Jesus. He remembered that John the Baptist addressed Jesus saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"
- He prayed that the Lord would pardon him for not serving his grandfather better. He also prayed that he would



Answer Key

- be able to serve his grandfather faithfully so that he would be able to prepare himself to be one of Christ's servants in the Sunshine Country.
- 4. Father Malina
- 5. He is the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ and the third Person of 3. Mischko the Trinity. He explained to Palko that every Christian should possess the Holy Spirit.
- 6. The Scripture states that the Father will give the Spirit to those who ask Him.

Chapter 7

- 1. Lesina cannot confess his sins and ask Jesus to take his sins
- 2. He lost his son in the woods while walking with him and came back alone. He was influenced by a strong drink and had no clue where he left his little son.
- 3. He offered to ask God to give back Lesina's lost son, and also to pardon his sin and heal his wife.
- 4. He offered Palko to go back to the city with him for the holiday.
- 5. Palko refused the offer because leaving with Lesina would mean leaving his grandfather Juriga alone. Palko would submit and leave it to the will of God by waiting for Lesina's return.

- 1. He asked for the boy's services at his place.
- 2. He praised the Lord and thanked Him for His will being accom-
- 3. Palko's most delightful moment was when the priest took the New Testament and read it to him.
- 4. Palko asked Father Malina why did Christ die for us when Christ died because of the wicked people who crucified him.
- 5. He explained that Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, died for our sins. We should have perished because of our many, many sins. But Christ died in our place.
- 6. He had found the way to the Sunshine Country. He received the Holy Spirit, and received the Lord into his house. His sins were all pardoned by Christ's work on the cross

- 1. Juriga received a letter from Lesina stating that he would be back for more work, but would come back with his wife in the near future.
- 2. For Palko, serving Lesina's wife would mean giving up serving under Father Malina's care.
- 3. He told Palko to obey the Lord. it is his duty to obey and serve Lesina's wife cheerfully.
- 4. He found that the time of the disappearance of Lesina's son and Palko's age matched.
- 5. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Chapter 10

1. Palko surrounded her with every form of loving care. He also shared what he had learned about the Sunshine country. By

- doing so, he began to love her very much.
- 2. Palko encouraged Lesina's wife saying that she would find the lost child because Palko asked the Lord Jesus to find that child for her.
- 4. His wife used to avoid his presence, but after Palko's encouragement through the Scriptures and his prayers, Lesina's wife began to worry less and became more like the time before her son disappeared.
- 5. The true way to the Sunshine Country.

Chapter 11

- 1. Palko missed seeing and praying with Father Malina who understood him more than anyone else.
- 2. For the previous two Sundays, Father Malina had preached like never before. This is because he had found the way to the Sunshine Country.
- 3. He preached on the importance of our repentance, the assurance of sins being pardoned by Christ, and the final judgment the Lord will eventually bring about to the ungodly.
- 4. He prayed that God would heal the priest so he could further preach about the Sunshine Country.
- 5. He took a book, similar to the one Palko had, and wrote down these words; For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- 6. He requested Palko to ask his grandfather to see the priest tomorrow. He had something very important to tell him.
- 7. They feared that the priest would persuade Jeriga to return Palko to his service.

Chapter 12

- 1. He was given a duty to tell the whole story of Palko and his upbringing to Lesina.
- 2. He wanted to make sure that his understanding about Palko's situation was accurate before he could solve the mystery of Lesina's lost child. He also asked if Palko could stay with him a little longer since his health is deteriorating.
- 3. Yes. He immediately went out and told Lesina the whole story.
- Lesina lost his child, Mischko, in the mountains, who was rescued by Rasga's daughter and was then named Palko. Rasga then gave Palko into the hands of Juriga, and Lesina eventually came to work with him.
- 5. She promised that she would stop looking for Mischko if Juriga would hand over Palko into their care.

Chapter 13

1. Palko stayed with him at his bedside, giving ice to his friend from time to time, opening windows, and praying for him when he was suffering from the pain.



Answer Key

- 2. The crown of righteousness is for those who love Christ's appearing. It is not by anyone's merits or righteousness, or for any good things we have done, but is given freely by the merits of the Son of God who is our Righteousness.
- 3. Psalm 62:1-8
- 4. He desired to use this brief time he had on earth to invite as many people to him so that the Lord would empower him to show these people the true Way of Eternal Life.
- Father Malina instructed Palko to content himself with serving Christ faithfully on earth with all his heart. Be faithful unto death to show others the way to the Sunshine Country.

Chapter 14

- Palko wanted to go to the Sunshine Country with Father Malina.
- Palko wanted to go there after Father Malina died. It wouldn't
 be long until his grandfather Juriga would pass away as well. He
 also wants a wise person to go to whenever he encountered a
 difficult portion in the Scripture.
- 3. A mechanic whose master once lived in the cave.
- 4. He encouraged him to find the way just as Palko did to by reading the Book line by line.
- 5. Yes. He assured him that if Mischko was found, Mischko would love him and forgive him.

- 1. Palko had many thoughts in his mind, but he was thinking of all the blessings and happenings that took place in the past short months.
- 2. He thought about the new blessing of finding his father and mother and having a new Grandfather who had changed so much that he didn't yell at him.
- 3. Grandmother Lesina
- 4. The sight of Jesus, the Lamb of God, sitting on the throne.
- 5. He went to the Sunshine Country.
- 6. Until the Lord calls Palko to the Sunshine Country, Palko asks the Lord to keep him faithful to show many more the Way to the Sunshine Country.

