



BECOMING *Lottie Moon*

DISCUSSION STARTERS

How did you feel when you learned that Lottie Moon's family owned enslaved people?

In chapter 9, Lottie's father, Edward Moon, told Orie proudly, "Our servants want for nothing." Later in chapter 16, Lottie's mother, Anna Moon, thought that by telling Fannie that Peggy would be sent to Hollins with Lottie and "preparing her for this day, not to mention providing for them all, Anna had risen to the Apostle Paul's call in Colossians [4:1] to treat slaves with justice and fairness." Anna and Edward Moon seemed to think they were just and fair to the enslaved people at Viewmont. Do you think so? Why or why not? How does God want his people to treat others?

As Lottie's father jumped overboard the sinking boat, he clutched only the small trunk full of money. Lottie's mother exchanged all of the family's money into Confederate dollars, which became worthless after the Civil War. How do you think the role of money affected how the Moon and other Southerners thought about slavery?

On the way to the train station, Orie and her father discussed who was right about slavery – pro-slavery Christians in the South or anti-slavery Christians in the North. Both sides used the Bible to defend their cause. What are some things you can do when part of the Bible is confusing and hard to understand?

As Peggy prepared to leave Viewmont, her father asked her what to remember if she felt scared. Peggy paraphrased part of Joshua 1:9, "Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." When you're scared, how does it help to remember that God is with you?

When Anna Moon felt stressed about her brother, Uncle James, coming to visit and her mother's declining health, she reacted by trying to make things perfect for the family gathering. She even threw the raisin-filled broccoli salad at Fannie and never apologized! What are some ways that Anna could have managed her stress better?



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How was Cary Ann a good friend to Lottie? Is there someone you can be a good friend to like that?

As a little girl, Lottie dreamed about going on a faraway adventure and working as a teacher. The missionary life in China that God had planned for her was even more exciting and impactful than Lottie imagined. What dreams do you have for your life? Remembering that God “is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,” (Ephesians 3:20), how might God fulfill those dreams to serve his good purposes and bring glory to his name?

Lottie knew that the Chinese people needed someone to go and tell them the good news of Jesus Christ. Sure, she he was a good candidate since she was brave and skilled in languages and teaching. But she could have kept her promise to Helen, stayed near her family, and ran the school in Georgia. Another missionary could have gone to China. Why do you think Lottie chose to go?

In the last chapter, what did Orie mean when she said, “God is the greatest adventure. Following him is the greatest freedom.”?

Are you reading *Becoming Lottie Moon* in a group and using these discussion starters? I’d love to hear about it!

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