

RAZED

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Which character elicited the most sympathy from you? The least? Why?
- Who changes the most through the book?
- Without getting too technical, literary characters can be classified as any of several archetypes based on their primary motivation. According to the author, Doug's "type" is one motivated by fear. What is he afraid of? How does it influence his decisions and his course of action? Does he have other motivations? What motivates Mark?
- How are Mark and Doug alike?
- What do Mark and Doug want from each other? What is the root cause of the breakdown between them? Is it Julie, as Doug claims?
- What is Doug's major problem with Christianity? Is it reasonable? How would you respond?
- Describe Doug's relationship/interaction with each of the following characters: Judy, Mark, Julie, Debbie, Paul. Compare those to Sandy and Cass. With the exception of Debbie, why do you think Doug has a better relationship with the non-believers?
- Cass is reluctant to enter into a relationship with Doug. Why? What changes her heart and mind?
- Describe Mark's faith? Is it genuine? Deep? Shallow? Immature? Growing? Does it change through the course of the book?
- Was it fair for Judy to make Mark promise to win his dad to Christ? How much responsibility do we bear for the salvation of our loved ones?
- What is the difference between being religious and being a follower of Christ? How would you classify the believers in the book? Religious or followers? Why?
- Toward the end of the book we are introduced to Peter Bakari. Is Peter "religious" or a "follower"? Describe Mark's relationship with Peter. What if Mark had met someone like Peter earlier? Would things have turned out differently?
- Did the book give you any insight into non-believers or how our actions as believers come across? How can we impact our friends and family for Christ in an authentic way?