

To Fall in Love at Christmas

Book Club Discussion Questions:

1. **Alice arrives in Gibeon carrying wounds from her upbringing.** How did her relationship with her father shape the way she viewed God, herself, and other people? Which changes in her thinking felt most meaningful to you?
2. **Truman's ministry is shown through both words and actions.** Which moment best demonstrated what it means to be a shepherd rather than simply a preacher?
3. **One of the book's central themes is the difference between duty and joy.** Have you ever experienced faith as more of an obligation than a delight? What did Alice and Truman teach you about that distinction?
4. **Christmas plays an important role in the story.** Why do you think celebrating Christ's birth became such an important catalyst for healing, community, and spiritual growth in Gibeon?
5. **Both main characters are devoted to serving others.** In what ways did Alice's calling as a nurse and Truman's calling as a pastor complement one another? How were they different?
6. **Forgiveness and grace appear throughout the novel.** Was there a character you found difficult to forgive? How did the story challenge your own understanding of grace?
7. **The novel is set in rural Idaho in 1897.** What historical details or everyday moments helped immerse you in the setting? Did any surprise you?
8. **Truman often sees possibilities for people that they cannot see for themselves.** Have you ever had someone believe in you before you believed in yourself?
9. **Alice gradually discovers that God delights in His children, not merely tolerates them.** Was there a particular scene or conversation that best illustrated this truth? Why did it stand out to you?
10. **Romance develops naturally through shared service, friendship, and faith.** Did you find the relationship between Alice and Truman believable? Which moment convinced you they belonged together?
11. **When you closed the final page, what was the lasting message you took away from the novel?** Was there a Bible verse, scene, or character that you expect to remember long after finishing the story?

