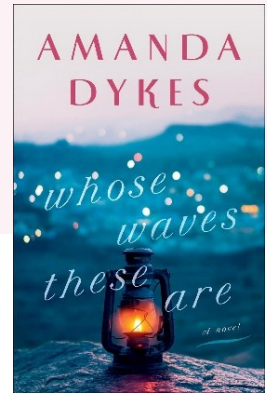




PARTICIPANT GUIDE

WHOSE WAVES THESE ARE BY AMANDA DYKES



“When I look back at where this tale came from, so much is a blur. But one single thing is clear. It came from a place of being held. A place where God gathered up all of me in my brokenness in a time of deepest grief and just closed His grip around me tight, holding me close to His heart.”

AMANDA DYKES



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Q. Which part of *Whose Waves These Are* did you enjoy most? Why?

2

Q. Which character from *Whose Waves These Are* did you relate to the most?

3

Q. Annie is an anthropologist who understands the value of tradition, culture, and places. Ansel-by-the-Sea is a small town at risk of becoming "irrelevant" (p54). How do you hold onto cherished traditions or cultural activities unique to your family?

4

Q. At the story's start, Annie believes that "God is distant... real enough on the pages of the Bible, but not one to speak directly to the likes of her" (p142). How did this change for her? Can you relate to how Annie felt?

5

Q. "You can do hard things" (p75), is one of Bob's mottos. Can you share a Bible verse, phrase, poem or song which has encouraged you during a difficult season of your life?

6

Q. For Bob, William, Annie and Jeremiah, burying their pain is a coping mechanism for the grief and loss they've experienced. Yet they all begin to heal when they confront their pain and seek fellowship with others. How does acknowledging the pain and life-giving community help the healing process?

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Q. On his deathbed, Robert says to Bob, "Don't get stuck in the dark Bob... There's a whole lotta light, go there instead" (p171). How did those parting words change the course of Bob's life?

8

Q. The terrible storm Annie, Jeremiah, and William find themselves caught in, is symbolic of the trials and suffering they are enduring. When the storm breaks and they finally see the light of the lighthouse, there is peace and joy, restored relationships, new love and hope, both within themselves and with one another. How can God use the storms of our lives?

9

Q. Read Bob's poem on page 198 and discuss.

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Q. How did you feel about Bob's and William's reconciliation? Did it encourage you to reach out to someone in your life, hoping for restoration or peace?

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