

Discussion Questions

1. Many of the heroes from World War II never shared their stories. Why do you think they kept their past quiet? How has hearing someone else's story changed or inspired you?
2. Instead of telling her family about Hein or the other children in Amsterdam, Mrs. West remembers them through her collection of glass. Do you think it's important to remember both the good and hard things from your or your family's past? If so, how do you remember?
3. Ava desperately wants to rescue Faith from her pain, just like she wanted to rescue her brother long ago. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the pain of other people? How do you navigate when to help and when it's necessary to let go?
4. Landon uses his gifts to serve children and adults in Uganda, but we don't need to go to Africa in order to help and serve others. Have you had the opportunity to serve people in your community in an unusual way? How do you use the unique gifts God has given you?
5. Marcella is desperately trying to rewrite her family's past and control the Kingston family's future. What do you think is the best way to redeem a tragic situation that continues impacting a family? And how does the truth change Marcella and the other characters in this story?
6. Like Eliese, real-life hero Walter Süsskind was in an impossible place of having to work with the Nazis while rescuing Jewish people. Have you ever been in a seemingly impossible place? What did you do?
7. Eliese and Ava both needed to forgive themselves even more than they needed to forgive those who hurt them. Why is it sometimes harder to forgive ourselves than other people? How can we get rid of the shame?
8. According to Landon, even if you don't like the taste, coffee brings people together. What other things bring people together around the world? And where do you find terroir—a taste of home—in your life?
9. After World War II, many people didn't believe the experiences of Holocaust survivors, and these men and women often spent a lifetime silently battling PTSD. What is the best way to honor those who have been victimized or experienced painful things in their past?
10. In *Memories of Glass*, evil didn't end with the liberation. Nor did the kindness of people who wanted to help others. Where do you see good working today in the midst of evil?



