

On the Same Page – February 2022

The Innkeeper of Ivy Hill by Julie Klassen

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you enjoy reading this book? Why or why not? What was the most memorable part for you?
2. One character relates village life to “an ivy vine climbing a great oak. You cut off the vine at the root and all the way up the tree, the leaves wither. We’re all connected.” How does the book illustrate this truth in Ivy Hill?
3. What historical details most intrigued you about the book (the Royal Mail, coaching inns, inheritance laws, etc.)?
4. Which character reminds you the most of yourself or someone you know? How?
5. With which character would you like to spend time?
6. Several characters struggle to accept help from others. Describe a time in your own life when you were humbled by your circumstances and had to rely on others. What did you learn?
7. Unexpected gestures of kindness encourage healing and trust between characters throughout the story. When was a time that someone who had hurt you in the past surprised you with their thoughtfulness? Did it help restore your faith in that person?
8. All three main characters face disillusionment and loss at the beginning of the book. How does each woman handle her grief? How does the way they cope with hardship reveal who they are?
9. Despite the prejudice against women in business at this time in history, many strong female characters run businesses in Ivy Hill. How have specific women in your own life inspired you?
10. Compare the first scene and the last scene of the book. Explain how these scenes capture Jane’s journey as a character.
11. Name some of the Christian themes running through this book.
12. What are you looking forward to in Book Two of the *Tales from Ivy Hill* series? Any predictions to offer?