

Book Club Discussion Questions

1. How is the title Preacherman a good fit for the book?
2. Charlie and Elroy had a strained relationship in the beginning. How do you think the death of Charlie's mother impacted their relationship and why?
3. Charlie grew up with the knowledge that he came from a "long line of conduits of the Holy Spirit." Do you think he benefited from this knowledge or that it made him feel pressured to go into ministry?
4. How do you think his father's ministry affected his attitude towards the church as a kid? How do you think it impacted his decision to become a pastor?
5. Charlie loses his mother at a young age and then Abigail. How do you think those losses changed Charlie and why?
6. Charlie had to forgive himself as well as others along the way. Were there specific events that you felt eased him towards these conclusions? What are some examples?
7. What kind of influence did Piper have on Marianna? Do you think she would have had the affair without Piper's influence?
8. Did you feel sympathy or anger towards Marianna?
9. Contrast the relationship between Charlie and Elroy as opposed to his relationship with Jeremiah. Of the two, who do you think was the most influential to the man Charlie became?
10. How did you feel about Wesley's knowledge of his sister's whereabouts for a year without telling Charlie? Do you think he was more loyal to Charlie or Abigail and why?
11. What are some examples of healing events in the book that lead Charlie to finding the missing puzzle piece in his life?
12. How did Charlie turn tragedy into triumph? What are some examples?
13. Do you think Charlie's anger was justified by Abigail's decision to keep Francis a secret for so long? How could she have handled it differently?
14. If the characters were not fictitious and you could meet one of them, who would it be and why?
15. What were the dominant themes of the book and how did they make you feel as a reader?