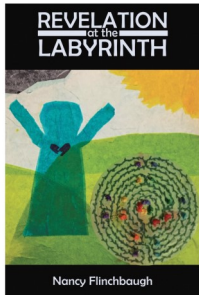




Discussion Guide



About the Book

Book Title: Revelation at the Labyrinth

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Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general impressions of this book?
2. Nancy wrote this book for the Earth. Where did you find the Earth themes in the book and in what ways did the Earth participate in the story? What concerns about the Earth were expressed? Were there any solutions for the Earth's problems discussed or suggested?
3. What is your relationship with the Earth and are you taking any actions related to the problems the Earth is facing these days? What would you recommend?
4. The book revolves around the use of the Living Vine Labyrinth as a place of meditation and prayer. Have you ever walked a labyrinth? If not, go to labyrinthlocator.org and find one near you and try it out! You can also find a finger labyrinth on Nancy's webpage which is another way to try it out. How did the labyrinth participate in the story?
5. Thomaseena and the women at the farm were working to rebuild their lives after leaving prison and also working at recovery from drug and alcohol addictions. What challenges did they face? What has been your experience with addiction?
6. Most women who are in prison and many who are addicted to drug and alcohol have experienced abuse. How did this abuse affect them? How did the FARM help them recover? Are there similar programs in your community? So many women these days are saying "Me, too,"... What more can be done to end the abuse of women?
7. MAM Molly struggles with breast cancer in this book. How do the FARM project and the MAMs help her through? How do you help your friends with cancer?
8. Read over the MAMs comments on the book. Which of them do you most agree with and why?
9. In what ways, if any, will this book change your life or perspective?



NANCY: The times in which we live concern me. How do we find a hopeful path through the obstacles? How do we change ourselves, let alone the world? I find the labyrinth's path of prayer transformative and that path led me as I wrote. Now, when I read this story over, it touches my heart. It makes me laugh, and then cry, and then smile. As an author, often the characters seem to have a life of their own. They surprise me. I had no idea that the young Noah would come up with a solution for the fossil fuel companies, or that Thomaseena would find a lost love. I wrote this book for the Earth. I hope it speaks to you.



SALLIE: Wow! Whoda thought all this could happen when I decided to mentor someone in prison? I knew I needed a little excitement in my life. Remember lukewarm me in Revelation in the Cave? Boy have I changed! So glad I met Thomaseena and that it worked out for her to move into our new project. I felt so blessed by our relationship and hope it will inspire people to get involved in accompanying people as they re-enter society. They need friends.



ABIGAIL: When Molly started this project, I have to admit I had my doubts. It was a small project for the Earth. The end result blew my mind. It reminds me we must do something, rather than just feel overwhelmed, or hang out in denial. Reconnecting with the earth, address climate change, a new business model? All of these things and more are possible if we just focus on awakening ourselves and others and doing something to help.



MOLLY: Well, this book started out as my retirement project and then BAM! I got breast cancer. So not what I wanted at this point in my life. But I am so glad I had the MAMs and the FARM ladies to look out for me, along with God to help me make it through. In the end, I also was glad to have the FARM project to get me out of my own head and into service, to do something good.



PRISCILLA: Bless their hearts. I loved the way the church people stepped up to support our project and also how they spoke out against the KKK. Sometimes the evangelicals are getting a bad rap these days, but we are good people. I love this story because it shows what can happen when you turn your life over to Jesus. Young women, old men — all can be born to new life.



KATHARINE: I thought it was great the way we were able to involve the university students with the local farmers to support organic farming. I'd heard about social entrepreneurship and the triple bottom line business, but I'd never seen it in action. The MAMs gave others something to replicate.



JANE: I really developed an appreciation for the recovery community. I was amazed at how the women were changing their lives and how hard that can be. I was married to an alcoholic, but I didn't quite get it until I walked with these women. The changes they made give me hope.