

# **Six-Part Group Discussion Guide**



### A NOTE TO THE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE AUTHOR:

Thank you for taking the time to read *Broke* and to gather with others to discuss it. As you've probably noticed, *Broke* is a book about money—that's not really about money.

Financially speaking, broke means we can't pay the bills, leaving us wondering how we'll get by. But *spiritually* speaking, broke can mean we're facing down heartbreak or struggles, that we're facing down any sort of desperation or separation that leaves us with big questions for God and about God.

But because God is so good, he meets us in our broke, uses it as step one toward being remade, rebuilt, and as a wonderful way to experience God with all our senses, with our minds, in the wild and wooliest places.

Whatever type of broke you've experienced, you know being broke stinks. But it offers something more, something terrifying and dazzling all at once. Being broke can *bless* us, can lead us straight into the "abundant life" Jesus promised—like nothing else I know.

So, as you read through *Broke*, you'll read me at my most vulnerable, often at my worst. But, you'll also see God at his best. Which is why I hope your group is willing to do the same. I've read the questions in this guide. They require you to be vulnerable, be honest and show your broke bits so you all can see God shining through it all. I'd suggest that you and your study group become a "group of safety" for one another. Covenant that what you share stays wherever you are. And then risk vulnerability and keep each other's stories.

Of course, you are welcome to skip any of the questions or add your own. My hope would be that the Holy Spirit leads you into conversations you've longed for and have been unable to have anywhere else. I hope you discover that there's no shame in broken. In fact, just the opposite. It's where God works. After all, as we proclaim every time we celebrate communion, Jesus' body was broken for us. The least we can do is be broke for him.

Happy chatting! I'd love see pictures of your group or to hear your thoughts via email (<a href="mailto:caryn@carynrivadeneira.com">caryn@carynrivadeneira.com</a>), Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

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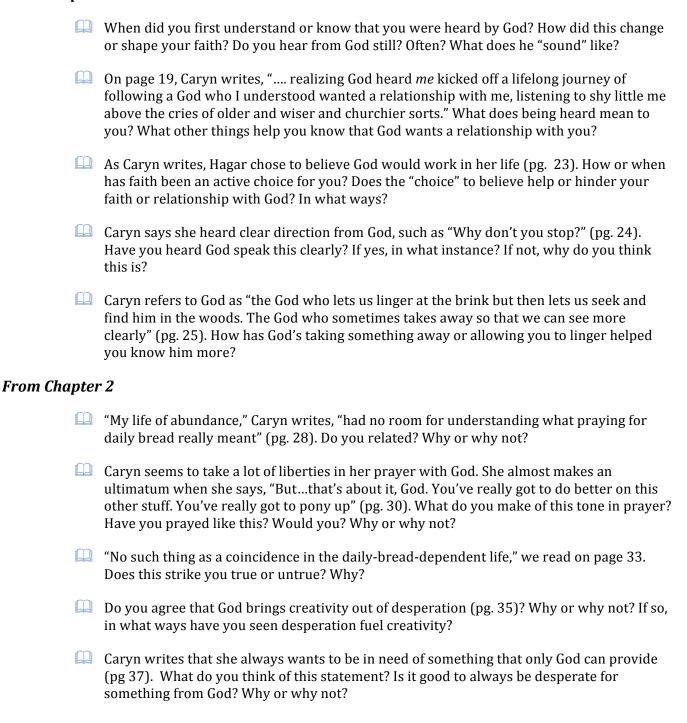
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# PART I: HEARD AND BREAD

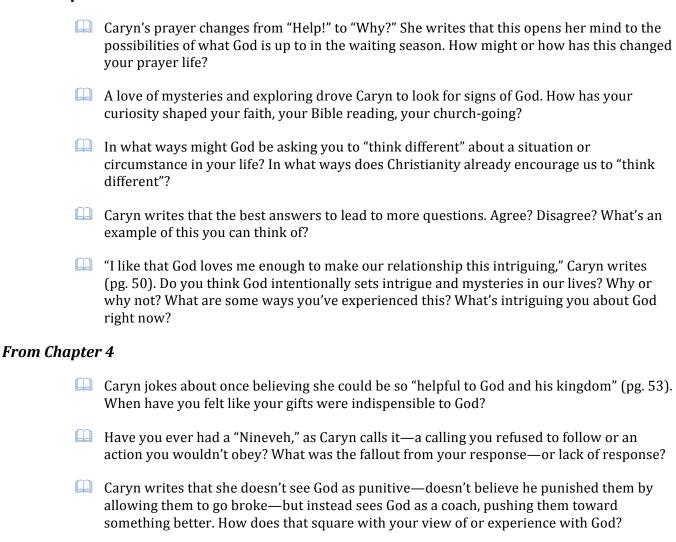




## PART II: MYSTERIES AND BIG FISH

God?

#### From Chapter 3



We learn that seemingly random Jonah sightings or mentions become a little "elbow"

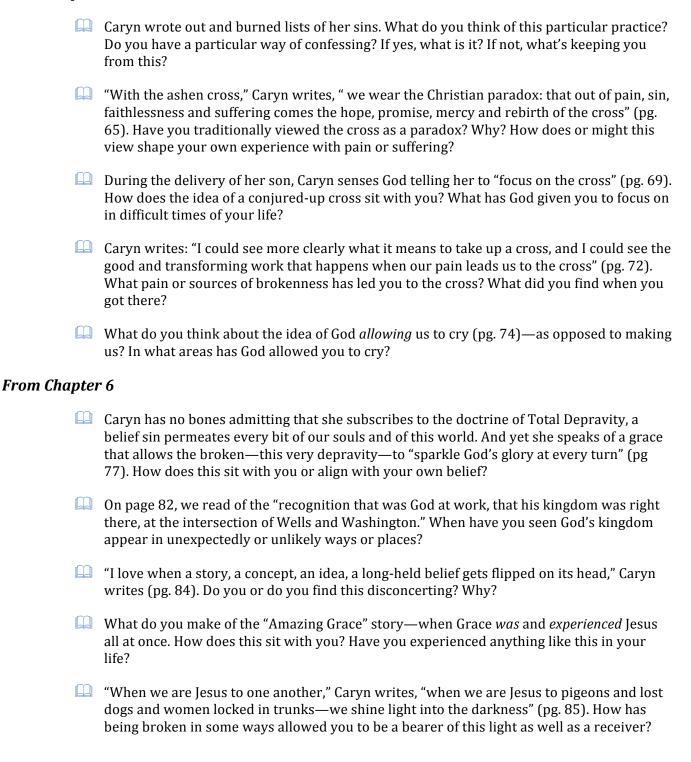
Caryn feels confident in hearing God's actual voice at times. How does this strike you?

nudge" from God (pg. 58) to Caryn, a way of reminding her of God's presence. What has God used in your life to remind you he is there? What's been the effect of the nudge?

Real? Way out there? Do you believe God still speaks actual words? How have you heard



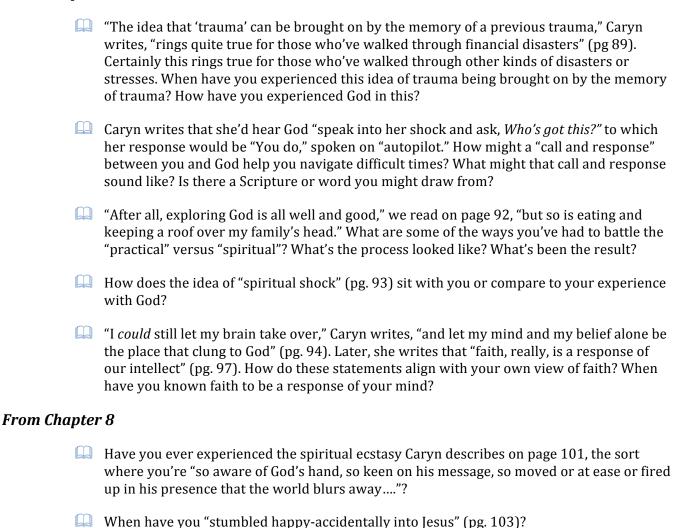
# PART III: CROSSES AND THE GOODS





# PART IV: FROM SHOCKED TO SERENDIPITY

#### From Chapter 7



Carryn writes that God uses coincidences to make himself known. What are some of the

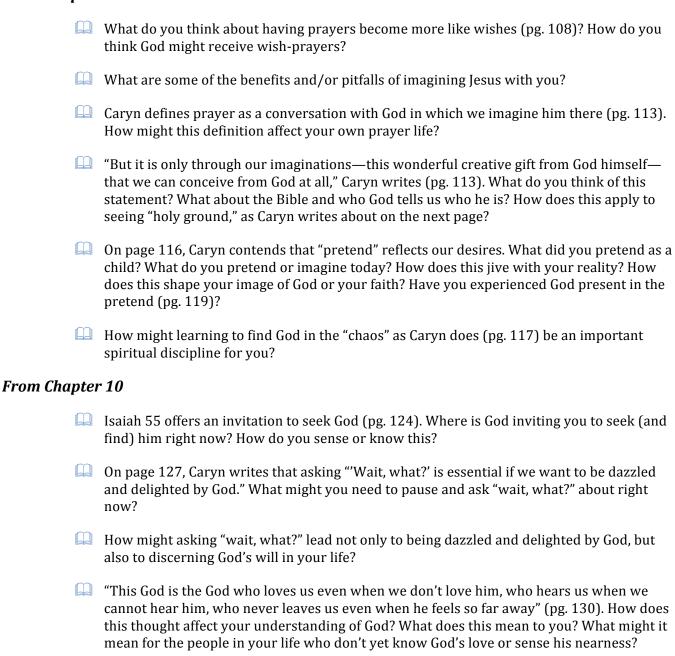
What does it mean to you that God keeps you front and center (pg. 105), that you are the

apple of his eye? Does this idea sit well with you or trouble you? How so?

ways you've experienced God's grand coincidences in your life?



## PART V: IMAGINARY BUT DAZZLED





## PART VI: SAFARIS AND PRACTICES

