

Vintage Small Groups Session 5

Amanda Berry Smith



Getting to Know You

1. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
2. Name a fictional character who has made a lasting impression on you. What did they teach you?

Discussion Questions

1. Amanda Berry Smith only had three years of formal education when she heard God's call to preach the gospel. One can only imagine that she felt ill-equipped for the task before her. Have you ever faced a task for which you felt unprepared or unqualified? What did you learn through that experience?
2. In her forward to *Vintage Saints and Sinners*, Lauren Winner writes, "I don't read about the saints in order to imitate them. I read about the saints because they show me something about myself." What does hearing Amanda Berry Smith's story show you about yourself?
3. Karen writes, "Amanda speaks frankly of her constant struggles with fear... In [her] telling, it is the doing of Satan at her side, hissing words of self-doubt, deception, and distress. Satan brings the cold dread that keeps her captive." What is your reaction to her understanding of the work of Satan? How do you think about the concept of the devil in your world view?
4. How do you lean on God when you are afraid? What gives you courage?
5. If you were to have coffee with Amanda, what questions would you ask of her? What affirmations of her work and witness would you offer?

