

MOUNTAIN IN MY REARVIEW MIRROR

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Chapter One

- Have you ever been mountain climbing or hiking? Do you have a similar experience to the one described in this chapter?
- What does the title *Mountain in My Rearview Mirror* mean to you personally?
- Where are you right now on your mountain journey? On your way up? At the top? On your way down? Elaborate on your answer.

Chapter Two

- Do you have any stories of “battles” on the athletic field that remind you of the joy of victory or the pain of defeat?
- Are you characterized more as a “lover” or a “fighter”? How does that help you or hinder you in your life?
- What areas of your life do you need victories in? What battle has you just about beat?

Chapter Three

- Based on what you read in this chapter, why is Palm Sunday so significant to a Christian?
- Based on what you read in this chapter, why is Palm Sunday significant to *you*?
- What is the most significant truth you gained from reading this chapter?

Chapter Four

- You probably weren't as crazy as I was as a kid (as evidenced by the wild ride in this chapter). But what personal experience (with or without glasses taped to your head with duct tape) is most memorable in your life?
- Can you explain what the difference is between “vision” and “focus”?
- What circumstance in your life right now seems to be taking you from the top of the heap to the bottom of the pile?

Chapter Five

- Can you relate to Peter's personality? Do you recall times when you “opened your mouth and inserted foot?”

- As you walk through Peter's pattern for dealing with difficulties, what offers you the most hope? What presents the biggest challenge?
- What is the most significant truth you gained from reading this chapter?

Chapter Six

- Have you ever had an individual experience that created such guilt inside of you that you thought you'd bust? Can you describe it?
- How does the little boy's confession to his dad about stealing teach us truth about God?
- What is causing guilt in your life right now? What needs to be done with it?

Chapter Seven

- Guilt and shame both can carry so much baggage. What are some of the accompanying emotions that accompany guilt and shame that make both so difficult to deal with?
- From your perspective, what is the best thing about God's forgiveness?

- What is the most significant truth you gained from reading this chapter?

Chapter Eight

- What's the best illustration you've ever seen of one person up against multiple obstacles?
- Besides the obvious answer ("because there are more than one") what makes multiple obstacles more difficult?
- What are the multiple obstacles in your life right now?

Chapter Nine

- As you read Jehoshaphat's strategy for winning his battle, what seems "normal" about it? What seems "out of the ordinary"?
- Would you have had the courage to do what Jehoshaphat did?
- What is the most significant truth you gained from reading this chapter?

Chapter Ten

- Would you rather be part of the Vinko Society or the Anti-Vinko Society?

- How has this book helped you look at overwhelming obstacles in your life differently?
- If you could summarize the entire book in one sentence, what would it be?