

## **Still Waters Reading Guide**

### **MAKES YOU GO HMMM!**

Now that you have read *Still Waters*, consider the following discussion questions.

1. It doesn't appear that Greg hit Laurie. Did he deserve to go to jail for what happened? Do you agree or not with the police getting involved?
2. How do you label Laurie's internet relationship: platonic, harmless, intimate, inappropriate or dangerous? Her brother Drake called it adultery. Her sister Danielle didn't. What do you think?
3. Depression is serious, encountered by many and often suffered in silence. Greg's led him down a dark road late into the night with a shotgun. Were there signs that he was reaching his breaking point?
4. Laurie was a stay-at-home mom. Was her role valued by Greg? By Virginia? By Laurie? How can you tell?
5. Greg was broke, unemployed, stressed, and depressed. Was taking the Chicago job the right decision?
6. Many couples claim to stay in a failing marriage purely for the kids. Are children generally better or worse off?
7. Why didn't Greg and his father get along? Did it matter to Greg that as the oldest son he wasn't named Sterling, Jr.? How can Greg and his dad foster a better relationship?
8. What was the issue between Virginia and Laurie? Did Greg handle the riff between the two women adequately?
9. Given there were concerns about domestic violence, should Drake and Danielle been more or less involved?
10. Describe the marriage of Judge Wright and Virginia. Why is there underlying tension? Given a choice, would you prefer wealthy and unhappy or broke and happy?

11. Early on, Laurie is in a tough relationship, yet she stays. When is it justifiable to leave a marriage? What would drive someone like Laurie to the point of contemplating killing Greg as opposed to just leaving?
12. Laurie went from victim to aggressor. How did the job, internet, and weight loss contribute to her independence and rejection of both the marriage and God? Was the job a positive, negative, both, or neither?
13. Greg works hard but isn't valued on the job. How does this affect him at home? Do you know anyone like him?
14. In the last chapter, what did you think Greg Jr. was going to do to his father? Why?

**Note:** Still Waters originally released in 2005 with a revised edition in 2017