

STUDY/DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR A LITTLE FAITH

- Could you relate to where Bob was in his spiritual walk when Faith was born? How would you describe his faith at that time?
- Bob and Karen experienced a great deal of fear at Faith's birth. Have you ever been very fearful? What were the circumstances? What did you do to deal with that fear?
- Karen and Bob chose to go against the counsel of the neonatologist who advised them to hold the baby and "keep her warm as she passes on." What is your reaction to their decision?
- At one point, Bob reflected on how life is short—a "mist," a "vapor"—and actually took comfort in that thought. What led him to feel this way? Is this comforting to you? Why or why not?
- It has been said that medicine is more of an art than a science. Is there anything in this story that leads you to agree or disagree with this statement? How about from your own experience?
- Was community a part of Karen and Bob's experience with Faith? If so, how? Is community a part of your life? If so, how has it been valuable? Share an example.
- Bob and Karen believe that prayer made a difference in Faith's survival. Do you think prayers actually make a difference in situations like this? How? What makes you think this?
- Bob described Faith's survival and thriving as a miracle. Some people believe miracles happen today, some believe they used to but no longer occur, and some believe they have never occurred at all. What do you believe and why?
- In the NICU, some babies in Faith's situation did not do nearly as well as she did, and some even passed away, despite the same medical attention and deep spiritual belief on the part of their parents. What are your thoughts about this?
- After the events of this book, Bob described himself as having a "naïve faith." Jesus said, "Ye must be as little children to enter the kingdom of God." What do these statements mean to you?
- Karen and Bob said they believe that God saved Faith's life. Do you feel God works in your life? How? What makes you believe this?
- How did Bob and Karen's faith change after their daughter's birth? Has anything in your life ever radically changed your faith?