

Chivalrous Discussion Questions

- 1) Gwendolyn's dreams for her life did not fit her family's or her society's prescribed roles for her. Have you ever had dreams that seemed outside of the box? Were you able to achieve them? What obstacles stood in your way?
- 2) What drew Gwendolyn and Allen to each other initially? Are these good reasons to fall in love? What sort of factors make for a healthy relationship?
- 3) Early in the story Gwendolyn believed that God had created her a second rate female and that marriage would mean being controlled by a man and losing her independence. Allen showed her a different way to think about marriage. What are your opinions concerning God's design for marriage and the sexes? Did this book affect your view in any way?
- 4) After she was caught for sneaking into the tournament and fighting as a knight, Gwendolyn's only regret was her deception. Do you agree or disagree with her assessment?
- 5) If you had a friend trapped in an abusive marriage like Gwendolyn's mother, what would you say to her? Do you think Gwendolyn handled things correctly concerning her father's mistreatment in her own life?
- 6) During her trip to the cathedral, Gwendolyn had a powerful encounter with God. Have you ever had a very real and personal encounter with God? Do you think this is even possible? How might this change a person?
- 7) Why do you think that Allen seemed to lose his close connection with God for a time? Do you think pride played a role in this? Have you ever had a period in your life when you felt more distant from God than usual?
- 8) Gwendolyn wanted to be delivered from her father's control, but it wasn't until she hit rock bottom that she was able to find help from the duchess. Why do you think that is? Might her experience have any applications in your own life?
- 9) Gwendolyn reached a point of true despair. How did she get past it? How can you overcome difficult times?
- 10) Both Gwendolyn and Allen struggled to find the balance between duty and following God's leading in their own hearts. What do you think about their experiences and decisions? How do you find this balance?
- 11) Rosalind faced a very difficult choice. How might you have advised her during this time? Once she made a decision she regretted, what would you say to her?
- 12) What does it mean to be a true woman (or man) of valor? How can you be more valiant in your own life?