

***His Last Resort* Group Discussion Guide**

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1. Claire struggled with self-esteem issues as a young lady; how might Robert have adjusted his study of the same scriptures (1 Peter 3:1-12 and 1 Timothy 2:8-10) to encourage women like her instead of discourage them?
2. Can you think of any scriptures that would encourage a Christian who has been struggling with low self-esteem for a long time?
3. Aunt Ruby seems to be a real fountain of godly wisdom; what do you think it takes to be able to speak about scripture with such authority? Do you know anyone like Aunt Ruby?
4. Throughout the first few chapters, Robert displays a distinct 'holier-than-thou' attitude. How could that kind of approach affect his future ministry?
5. Do you think pastors who consider congregants' feelings before delivering a sermon are 'watering down' the importance of a having contrite, repentant spirit? Is it ever appropriate for a pastor to preach a sermon that scares people into repentance? Illustrate your response with examples and scenarios.
6. Aunt Ruby encourages Claire to read the Bible for herself rather than depend wholly on others to interpret its message for her. To what extent do you believe the average Christian can correctly interpret scriptures for themselves?
7. Can you think of any popular sayings that are attributed to the Bible, but aren't actually found within its pages?
8. What are your views on women wearing makeup? Have your views changed after reading *His Last Resort*? Why or why not?
9. The author used opposing views on appearance as a vehicle to focus on a much wider message; what do you think that message was? Can you think of other vehicles the author could have used?
10. Can you think of real-life examples where people who might not be embraced by the church have used their unexpected gifts to bring glory to God?
11. What other scripture(s) could the author have used as a central theme for *His Last Resort*?