

## Discussion Questions *for* Chrissy's Endeavor

These questions are designed to enhance your group's discussion of Chrissy's Endeavor by Isabella Alden.

1. Chrissy hoped to start up a Society of Christian Endeavor in her own town, but when she proposed the idea to her minister, his reaction was discouraging. Do you think he had valid reasons for refusing to support her plan? What do you think was the real reason he did not want to start a Society of Christian Endeavor in his church?
2. Chrissy assumed the members of the Christian Endeavor Society in her town would have the same background, education and privileges as members of the society in Western. It wasn't until Faye proposed adding Joe the stable boy to the membership that Chrissy realized God was leading her to organize the Christian Endeavor Society in a much different way than she intended. Have you ever experienced a similar situation where your plans were unsuccessful until you allowed God to lead the way? Describe the situation and how God ultimately led your endeavor to success.
3. In what ways did Chrissy change throughout the course of the story? What particular events brought about these changes?
4. Chess, Emmeline, and Sara were not Christians, but they were admitted to the society as "associate members." How did membership in the society influence each of them for Christ? If Chrissy had not started the Christian Endeavor Society in her town, do you think these three people would have come to salvation?

5. There were two men vying for Chrissy’s attention—Stuart Holmes and Chess Gardner. How would you characterize each man? How were they different? In what ways were they the same?

6. Which suitor—Stuart or Chess—appealed to you most? Which man did you dislike the most? Why?

7. Dr. Hollister believed that Chrissy was so involved with influencing non-believers through the Society of Christian Endeavor, that she overlooked the positive influence she could have over her brother, Harmon. Do think Dr. Hollister was fair to Chrissy? Do you think he blamed Chrissy for Harmon’s downward spiral and failing health? What could Chrissy have done differently to influence Harmon away from his chosen lifestyle?

8. Chrissy looked up to Grace and Stuart as strong Christians, and she valued their advice and influence. Is there anyone in your life who influences you for good? Is there anyone you are trying to influence for good? Describe the ways you can be a leader to others in their Christian walk.

9. If you could write a sequel to *Chrissy’s Endeavor*, which characters’ story would you choose to tell? What do you think will happen to Emmeline and Sara?

10. What lessons do you think the author tried to convey through this story? What lessons or story points touched you most deeply?

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