

LEVITICUS 25: JUBILEE by Lawrence Nault

Book Club Discussion Guide

Pre-Meeting Preparation

Suggested Refreshments

- Fair trade coffee and tea
- Local, sustainable snacks
- “Minimal packaging” theme aligning with environmental message

Discussion Format (2 hours)

Opening Discussion (15 minutes)

- Initial reactions to Leviticus 25: Jubilee concept
- Impact on global economic perspectives
- Most interesting country responses

Core Discussion Topics

1. Economic Themes (20 minutes)

- Worldwide debt forgiveness feasibility
- Environmental taxation vs. corporate taxes
- Country-specific reactions
- Connection to current global issues

2. Character Analysis (20 minutes)

- David Krynauw: Activist to establishment figure
- Heather Gaes: Relationship impact on narrative
- Lucinda: Administrative role significance
- President Macloud: Villain or pragmatist?

3. Environmental Aspects (15 minutes)

- Economics-environment connections
- Cross-country environmental damage
- Proposed environmental taxation system

4. Political Intrigue (15 minutes)

- Media manipulation tactics
- Intelligence agencies' role
- JCOM team violence implications

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5. Relationships and Personal Stakes (15 minutes)

- David and Heather's relationship parallels
- Character sacrifices for beliefs
- Personal-professional decision dynamics

Thought-Provoking Questions

Global Impact

- Real-world Jubilee movement possibility
- Immediate effects projection
- Country-specific response scenarios

Personal Reflection

- International debt perspective shifts
- Environmental taxation support
- Reaction to economic changes

Moral Considerations

- Debt forgiveness: Moral vs. economic necessity
- Ends justifying means analysis
- Media manipulation ethics

Activity Suggestions

1. Economic Simulation

- Country-based role play
- Jubilee declaration responses
- Challenge identification

2. Media Analysis

- Book vs. real-world coverage comparison
- Economic narrative shaping
- Current reporting analysis

3. Environmental Impact Assessment

- Local environmental challenge mapping
- Environmental taxation effects
- Community adaptation scenarios

Closing Discussion

- Implementable solutions
- Resonant character perspectives
- Economic/environmental change outlook

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Take-Home Considerations

- Personal debt relationship
- Local environmental engagement
- Media literacy development
- Global change participation

Discussion Guidelines

- Balance plot, themes, and implications
- Encourage universal participation
- Connect to current events
- Respect diverse economic/political views

Note: This guide can be adapted based on group size, time constraints, and specific interests.