

Sterling's Sojourn Discussion Guide

- What was your favorite part of the book?
- Did any parts of the book make you laugh? If so, which part?
- What was your least favorite part of the book?
- Who are the three most important characters? Why?
- How is the novel shaped by the setting in Port Angeles? If so, how does it contribute to the story? How would the story be different if the story was set in an inland city?
- Metaphor is figurative language (language that doesn't mean exactly what it says) where one thing symbolizes something else, often something abstract. In the Greek language, *meta* means "over" and *pherin* means "to carry". So, metaphor means to "carry over". For example, "black sheep" may symbolize (or carryover to) an outcast. What metaphors do you see in the story?
- How do those metaphors in the book relate to stories and symbols in the Bible?
- What is the book's predominant theme? How does that impact you?
- How did Sterling change between the beginning of the story and the end? What caused those changes?
- Do you believe that God speaks to people in our current day?
- Do you think God may have spoken to you?