

# Braving Strange Waters

## Discussion Guide

Thank you for reading *Braving Strange Waters*. Feel free to use the following questions to facilitate meaningful discussion about the book.

1.

Which one of the characters did you relate to the most? Why?

2.

Each friend boards the ship with a burden they're not sharing with the others. Why do you think each is keeping her secret?

3.

Stella has never voiced a racial slur, yet she's held her tongue when others have. Do you believe racism is still alive today? Have you ever witnessed a Person of Color being talked down to or treated unjustly? If you feel comfortable, share how you reacted in that situation. What would you do differently if given a second chance?

4.

Claire is faced with the pressure to perform on social media. Have you ever felt that pressure to give more, more, more? How did you handle it?

5.

Why do you think Claire was a vulnerable target for Neo? Do you think the Claire disembarking from the cruise would fall prey as easily? Why or why not?

6.

How does Wendy's past influence her present? How might she have reacted differently if she'd received healing for past wounds?

7.

What does each character learn throughout the novel? How has each friend changed by the time they disembark?

8.

Wendy says, "Technically, I don't think Jesus has opinions. Whatever He thinks is true, so He only has facts." What facts does Jesus have about you that run contrary to your thoughts about yourself?

9.

Did you learn anything new about history from reading *Braving Strange Waters*? If so, what?

10.

What was your biggest takeaway from this book?

Thank you for reading and discussing *Braving Strange Waters*. Don't forget to leave a review!