

The Victory Club
Book Discussion Guide

1. What do you know about life on the home front during World War II—rationing, shortages, censorship, etc.? Do you have any personal memories of that time, or do you recall any stories from your parents or grandparents?
2. What are some of the similarities between the World War II era and our own? What are some of the differences?
3. What was the Victory Club, and why was it formed?
4. Dottie, Margo, Lucy, and Penelope each carries a heavy secret in her heart. What does it feel like to carry a secret that no one else knows about?
5. Explain how Margo and Dottie differ in their views of God and the Christian life, especially concerning forgiveness.
6. Margo thinks Dottie's pregnancy will ruin Dottie's life. Why do you think Margo comes down so hard on her?
7. How can Dottie feel secure in God's love despite her out-of-wedlock pregnancy?
8. How does Margo's view of God—and of herself—change by the end of the book?
9. Dottie could have felt resentful toward Greg, and yet she doesn't blame him for her predicament. Contrast Dottie's attitude toward Greg with Penelope's attitude toward Stuart.
10. Why is Penelope so dissatisfied with her life? What is her "solution" to the problem? Do you think she will ever find happiness? Why or why not?
11. What are the feelings that haunt Lucy in Richard's absence? How does her situation put her at risk for an affair with Howard?
12. What are some things that Lucy might have done to deal with her feelings instead of turning to Howard for comfort?
13. Feeling guilty about her friendship with Howard, Lucy quits the choir and cancels the Victory Club meeting. Why is it tempting to withdraw from Christian fellowship when we're feeling guilty about something? Why is that probably the *last* thing we should do?
14. Do you believe that Lucy was unfaithful to Richard? Why does Lucy feel she must confess to Richard, even though she cut off her friendship with Howard?

15. What is Dottie's attitude toward Greg's blindness? What effect does this have on Greg's morale?

16. *The Victory Club* is set during World War II, but it includes many situations that could inspire women in any era to form a "victory club" of their own. Can you think of some reasons that a group of friends might form a "victory club" today?