

A TIME TO RISE

THE OUT OF TIME SERIES:

BOOK THREE

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What do you think it means to *arise* for God's glory? What does that mean in your life?
- How has Parvin's character and view of life changed since the beginning of the first book, *A Time to Die*?
- After Willow was rescued, Parvin tried to reach and comfort her to little avail. Are there hurting people in your life who you feel you can't reach? What are some ways you can help/reach hurting friends?
- Parvin blamed herself for what happened to Willow. Are there things that have happened to loved ones that you blame yourself for? How can you give them over to God?
- Parvin and Solomon strive to be honest with each other, and they rely on each other for advice and support. How important do you think honesty—even when it is scary or awkward—is to friendships and other relationships?
- When Skelley Chase is injured by the dogs, Parvin tries to heal him through a prayer. God doesn't perform a miracle of healing. Have you ever experienced something similar, where you asked God for something and it didn't happen even when you thought it would be good? How can you be patient and trust

in God's sovereignty even when He doesn't answer prayers the way we want Him to?

- When saving Skelley Chase's life, Parvin was determined not to give up pulling the dogsled because Christ didn't give up carrying His cross. While most won't find themselves pulling a dogsled, what are some ways to daily pick up your cross (or pull your dogsled) to follow/be like Christ? What makes you want to give up?
- How did Willow's self-image change when her skin color changed? What if you were a different race/background/gender/etc.? How would your self-image or life change?
- The knowledge caps were tempting and slightly addictive to the taker. What lengths do we go to, to get the things we want? Do we act selflessly or selfishly? What boundaries can we set in our lives to avoid/withstand peer pressure in these situations?
- Parvin wonders "Can anyone be redeemed?" a few times throughout the story in regards to Brickbat and Skelley. What do you think?