Chapter A Reading Guide

Key Words and Definitions

**solidarity:** a close relationship or unity with others; this can include sharing experiences, goods, friendship, and prayers

**marginalize:** to put or keep certain people in a powerless position within society

**compassion:** awareness of and sympathy for the suffering of others; this includes a desire to ease their suffering or resolve its cause

**salvation:** God’s plan to save all people from sin or evil

“Jesus Welcomes Those Who Are Poor (Luke 16:19–31)”

Circle the correct answer.

1. Lazarus hoped the rich man would _____.
   a. give him money  b. give him a job  c. give him scraps from his table

2. The poor man wound up in ____ and the rich man in _____.
   a. Heaven, Hades (Hell)  b. Purgatory, limbo  c. Hades (Hell), Heaven

3. The rich man begged that Lazarus _____.
   a. trade places  b. cool off his tongue or at least warn his brothers  c. pray for him

4. What did the rich man think would make a difference to his brothers?
   a. the words of a prophet  b. the pleas of a beggar  c. the witness of a dead man

“Jesus Welcomes Women (Luke 7:36–50)”

Complete the sentences.

1. The woman who anointed Jesus had led a _______________ life.

2. In Jesus’ story of the money lender, the person who will love the money lender more is the person whose larger debt was _______________.

3. In his outreach to the sinful woman, Jesus connects _______________ with forgiveness.
“Jesus Welcomes Outcasts and Sinners (Luke 15:11–32)”

Arrange these story elements in their proper order, from first (1) through fifth (5).

1. The younger son comes to his senses and repents. ___
2. The older son grumbles about the younger son. ___
3. The younger son takes his inheritance and squanders it. ___
4. The father celebrates the younger son’s return with a feast. ___
5. The younger son returns and is embraced by his father. ___

“Jesus Welcomes Everyone (Luke 17:11–19)”

Circle the correct answer.

1. How many lepers (men with a dreaded skin disease) did Jesus encounter?
   a. 12        b. 490        c. 10

2. What did they ask Jesus for?
   a. food        b. pity        c. ointment

3. What was the heritage of the thankful man?
   a. Jewish        b. Samaritan        c. Sumerian

4. What, according to Jesus, made the thankful leper well?
   a. inspection by the priests        b. his faith        c. his patience