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Dear Group Leader:

Thank you for considering using *Former Things Forgotten* as a tool for your small group study. The story captures readers. It was a best seller on Amazon for the first six weeks after its release and has been selected as a finalist for a Selah Award, one of the most prestigious awards in Christian publishing. Some readers have said that it has provoked so many thoughts that they have read it twice. There is no doubt that the story will hold the attention of your group and will spark important discussions about the Christian faith.

The creation of a tool to use for small groups was central to my call to write the book. It reaches seasoned and new Christians as well as seekers. Questions often asked and those that may be withheld through lack of confidence appear throughout the book, such as,

- Do you ever feel restricted by God or his commandments?
- Do you believe Satan is real or metaphorical?
- Do you feel it is OK to be angry with God?
- Do you remember your first experience with the death of something or someone you loved? How did that affect you?
- Do you think a loving God should permit suffering?

These questions offer just a small sample of potential discussions the book might trigger. The story also demonstrates

ways to witness for Christ and a way not to do so. The Discussion Guide will help you see how useful the book is as a teaching tool. You may review the Guide from the Small Group page at my website, www.thomastrezise.com, as a flip-book or a free download.

You should review the Preface, the Afterword, and the Notes before commencing a class. As the Afterword explains, the story rests on pre-mortality and the idea of soul mates, both of which can be a challenge to Christian doctrine. You should assess whether your class needs to discuss those at the beginning as they are nothing more than a device I have used to carry the story and not an endorsement of them as truth. People well-grounded in theology may need that discussion immediately. Others, such as seekers, may not even care about the issues. No matter when, you should make clear they are a literary device only and not a truth.

Please order paperback copies of *Former Things Forgotten* through me. I offer them for the reduced price of \$18.00, a savings of over \$10.00 from retail, plus taxes and shipping. Ebooks are available through Amazon. [FTF Amazon](#)

Every leader receives a printed version of the Discussion Guide for free. You may find a flip-book and download at my website for free. The print version avoids the cumbersome multiple pages involved in printing the download. I will provide additional printed copies for \$3.00 each, plus taxes and shipping, which is \$1.49 below retail.

I hope you decide to use *Former Things Forgotten* with your study group. If I can answer any questions for you, feel free to email me at tmt@thomastrezise.com or call at 410.913.2224. I will also make myself available for a free Zoom session with your class to answer questions and discuss the genesis of *Former Things Forgotten*.

Peace.

Tom