

The Great Divorce Reading Guide²

Chapters 3–4

The following questions are not meant to be “answered,” but to provoke thought as you read the chapters.

For every chapter, consider the following questions:

1. What is important to the characters? What are they living for? What are they unwilling to let go of?
2. How would you have shared the gospel with this person? What do they need to hear about grace that they have not yet understood?

Chapter 3—The Grassy Country

3. Consider the imagery Lewis uses of heaven. What might it have been intended to signify?
4. How does Lewis compare & contrast the citizens of hell with their new surroundings?
5. How do they react to those surroundings? Why do you think this is so?
6. What are the bright people like? How do they differ from the ghosts?

Chapter 4—The Good Man

7. What is the Big Ghost’s concept of what’s “right”?
8. What prevents him from staying in heaven?
9. How are you better than those around you? What feelings does that evoke in you and why? What good deed would keep you out of heaven if you let it?

² Some questions from C.S. Lewis Foundation, 2001.