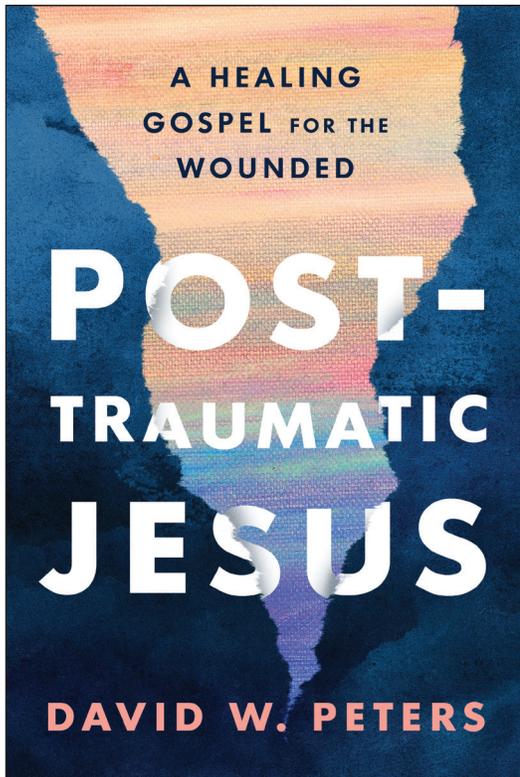


Book Club Questions for David W. Peters's *Post-Traumatic Jesus*



What Bible story covered in this book resonated with you most strongly? Do you share trauma symptoms with a character in that story?

The Roman Empire was a source of trauma for many people in Jesus' world. Is there a looming, oppressive force functioning as a "Roman Empire" in your post-traumatic experience? What do those forces have in common?

Loss of trust is a common and significant symptom of trauma. Did any stories in this book give you hope for finding faith and trust again?

Has your experience of church or religion in general been affected by trauma? In what ways?

How has trauma affected your relationships with others? Do you identify more with the demon-afflicted man living alone in the graveyard (Mark 5) or the woman caught in adultery (John 8)?

How do you receive Jesus' admonition to "put away your sword"? Is your "sword" a metaphorical or a physical weapon?

Does a need for forgiveness play a role in your trauma recovery? Who do you need to forgive? From whom do you long for forgiveness?

How does reflecting on Jesus' resurrection transform the way you think about his crucifixion? What healing metamorphosis might you imagine for yourself?

* Note that individuals with PTSD, C-PTSD, or other extreme trauma experiences should study this book in a group with other traumatized people, not mixed in with readers who do not share this experience.

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