

Discussion Questions for *Calling Me Home* by Julie Kibler

Next meeting- Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m.

1. When Isabelle first grows close to Robert, is her interest in him genuine, or does it have more to do with disobeying her parents and her society's constraints? How does their relationship change as it grows?
2. What attracts Isabelle to Robert? What attracts Robert to Isabelle? In what ways do they compliment each other?
3. Were there moments during their courtship that you, as a reader, felt that they should not continue their relationship because of the risks?
4. What is the most important thing that Isabelle's story teaches Dorrie? How does she apply Isabelle's lessons to her relationship with Teague?
5. How do you feel about Dorrie's choices in dealing with her son's troubles?
6. What makes Dorrie and Isabelle's friendship unique? How did you feel about the way they each reacted to others' assumptions about them?
7. Do you feel that *Calling Me Home* accurately portrayed today's lingering racial injustices and resentments?
8. Do you have any sympathy for Isabelle's mother? What about for Isabelle's father?
9. How did you feel when you discovered Robert's fate? Were you surprised to learn whose funeral Isabelle and Dorrie were attending?
(Questions courtesy of the author.)