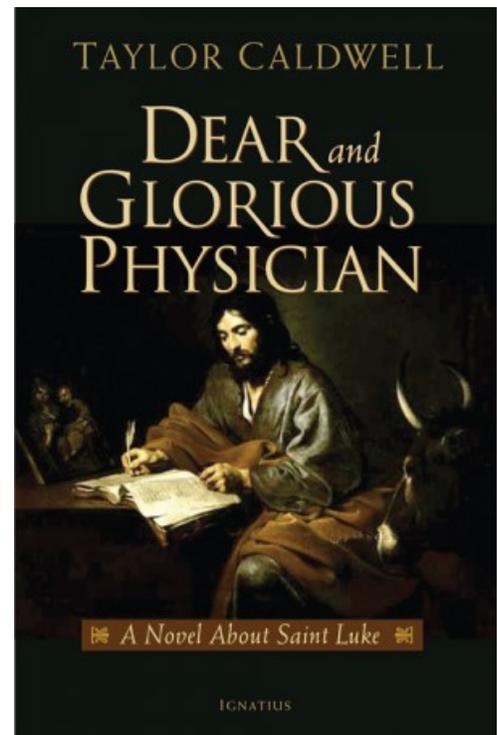


## Discussion Questions for *Dear and Glorious Physician*

1. Discuss the relationship between Lucanus and his father. How does his father's devotion to the unknown God affect him? Who is the unknown God?
2. Discuss the character of Keptah. Did he surprise you? What is the mysterious "Brotherhood" that he belongs to and why do they venerate the cross?
3. What happens when Keptah allows Lucanus to think he is selling him as a slave? Why did Keptah do this?
4. How does Lucanus feel about slavery and why was his attitude so shocking?
5. What happens to Lucanus when Rubria dies? How do his experiences with death and suffering change his faith in God?
6. Why do you think Lucanus was given the gift of healing and compassion?
7. Why is Lucanus afraid to love people? Is this something that you can relate to? Or what would you say to someone who feels this way, how could you help them?
8. Discuss the character of Diodorus. What does he think is wrong with Rome? Do you admire him for standing up and fighting for what he believed in?
9. Why did Lucanus decide to travel and serve the poor?
10. Who is Sara and what is her role in the story?
11. What is Ramus' role in the story?
12. How does the finding of Arieah change his hatred of God to love?
13. How does Lucanus change after he becomes a Christian? What were his interactions with Herod and Pilate, and how did he help the Christians?
14. How does his family, especially Iris, support Lucanus in the story?
15. When writing his Gospel, where did he visit and who did he speak to?
16. What did he observe about the lack of charity in some of the disciples? Why do you think this did not weaken his faith?
17. Have you ever been angry at God because of seemingly senseless suffering? Could you relate to Luke's struggles and journey of faith?



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