

## ***Love's Pursuit* Discussion Questions**

Have you ever been wrong in your first impression of someone? What were the consequences for you? For your family or friends?

Have you ever stumbled upon love in an unlikely place?

Small-hope felt invisible to most of the people of Stoneybrooke. Did she render herself invisible or did the townspeople render her invisible? Have you ever felt invisible?

Both Small-hope and Susannah felt great shame during the course of the story. Why is shame so binding?

Has anyone ever turned on you because of a mistake you made? Why would someone do that? Why did the people of Stoneybrooke do that to Susannah?

The treatment of women by Puritans was progressive for its time. In what ways do you see that demonstrated in *Love's Pursuit*? Though 350 years have passed, what similarities do you see between the characters in this novel and women today?

What do you find admirable about the Puritan faith? What similar ideas do people of faith have today?

There are different concepts of beauty illustrated in this book. Susannah is entranced by the beauty of Daniel's gown. Daniel is captivated by a sunset. Thomas believes Small-hope's hands to be beautiful. Discuss these different concepts. What kinds of things do you believe to be beautiful?

Isaiah 43:4 was an important Bible verse for Susannah. How do you feel about this verse? Does it make you uncomfortable? If so, why?

The concept of God's grace can be difficult for some people to understand and even more difficult for some people to believe in. Why do you think this is? Do you believe in God's grace? How has this made a difference in the way you live your life?

How has God pursued you? Patiently? Relentlessly? Passionately?

Would you call this book a romance or a tragedy?