# HIDDEN: Don't Fear the Unseen A novel by Verity Lucia

## Conversation Starter Worksheet

Choose any or all of these questions to begin fruitful discussions within your group.

† Suggested questions for teen book clubs or youth ministries are in red.

#### Chapter 1:

Can you identify with any of the characters? Who? In what way?

† Why do you think Clare is seeking the approval of Nikki and her crowd? Is what she's doing healthy? Why or why not?

Why do you think Clare goes to the party? What could go wrong when she lies and sneaks out to do things like this?

#### Chapter 2:

Because of her brother's death, Clare is questioning the goodness, and even the existence, of God. Have you ever felt this way?

† How would you respond if you found you were able to see angels and demons? Would your life change? How?

#### Chapter 3:

At church on Sunday, Father Mike speaks about relativism. What is relativism? Is relativism good?

The congregation prayed the St. Michael Prayer together in Mass. Who is St. Michael?

How did Caitlin feel when Clare snatched the glasses out of her hands at the garage sale? What are some things you could do to heal relationships in your life?

# Chapter 4:

In what ways does Nikki manipulate and bully her peers?

How did Clare feel when she ran home after Nikki snatched the glasses off her face?

Clare sometimes feels that her life is insignificant. What does she mean by this? Are our lives insignificant?

# Chapter 5:

What kind of person was Clare's older brother Ethan?

What kind of person do you hope to be?

## Chapter 6:

† At the beginning of each chapter there is a Bible verse. Read this chapter's verse. What does it mean? How could you apply this verse to your own life?

Clare seems to feel that her parents don't understand what she's going through. Are there times when you've felt this way? What could your parents do that would help you to feel more understood?

How do you think Clare felt when her childhood friend, Caitlin, sat down with her at lunch and asked her how she was doing?

What is an angel, and what are some of their roles?

Does evil exist in the real world? How do you know?

How did demons come to be on earth with humans?

† Why do you think God allows evil to exist?

# Chapter 7:

What is the guardian angel prayer? (Please write it out). How long have Christians been praying this particular prayer?

Explain one instance of how an angel made a difference in the Bible. Name the chapter and verse.

† Should we be afraid of the devil? Why or why not?

What does INDUITE VOS ARMATURUM DEI UT POSSITIS STARE ADVERSUS INSIDIUS DIABOLI mean?

If you are able, locate a copy of IMAGINE HEAVEN by John Burke and read one near-death-experience.

† What did Noah's mom teach him was "the worst thing?" What did she mean?

What does Noah mean by, "my hope is in the Lord"?

Noah says he will fight to the death before he renounces his faith in Jesus Christ. What is someone called if they die for their faith in Jesus? Name three real people who have died for their faith in Christ.

#### Chapter 8:

Why do you think Nikki treats Clare and Caitlin the way she does?

† What does Clare do at the end of Chapter 8 that Caitlin says is a "miracle." Have you ever considered doing what Clare did, yourself? Why or why not?

#### Chapter 9:

What is Chapter 9's Bible verse, and what does it mean?

How does Noah defeat the demons?

What does Clare see in Noah that draws her to him and inspires her to be like him?

#### Chapter 10:

How is Clare's relationship with each of her family members evolving? Why?

How has each of Clare's friendships changed since chapter 1?

#### Chapter 11:

Did Clare do the right thing at the mill when the police officer came in? Discuss how our choices affect our relationships and ultimately our lives.

#### Chapter 12:

† Why do you think Clare decided to confess her sins when she entered the confessional, when she had only intended to ask Father about the glasses? Who is the Holy Spirit?

How did Clare feel before confession? And after?

### Chapter 13:

What happened between Noah and Clare in this chapter that changed things between them?

How have things changed between Clare and Caitlin? Why?

## Chapter 14:

† What does "love is a sacrifice" mean? How can we love others in our lives 'sacrificially?'

In the Bible, what was the disciple Judas' fatal error?

Explain the difference between the two thieves that hung next to Jesus at his crucifixion. Which thief would you rather be? Why?

Define 'bravery.'

# Chapter 15:

† How does Clare's surrender to God mean 'true freedom' for her?

What does it mean that our bodies are 'temples of God?'

What does Clare mean when she tells Nikki, "but most of all, I'm sorry that you don't know Love?"

What are the two things Clare does that helps heal her relationship with Caitlin?

#### Chapter 16:

How has Clare's life changed since the beginning of the book? (Since she discovered that demons and angels were real)

T What is spiritual warfare? How can you use spiritual warfare in your own life to win the spiritual battle for your soul?

What can you do to help others understand the importance of spiritual warfare?

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