## Discussion Questions for Missing Mercy

1)   Ironwood Plantation becomes isolated in order to stay safe. Do you think that approach works? Why do you think people often become isolated when the world is difficult?

2)   Mercy is determined to do things on her own. Why do you think she hid her offer of employment from everyone?

3)   Faith tries to put on a mask to hide her insecurities. Do you think that eventually made things more difficult for her?

4)   Mercy struggles with wanting to be someone important. What do you think happens when people let ambitions and the desire to be recognized by others dictate decisions?

5)   Mercy realizes that the plans she has for herself and the plans God has for her aren’t always the same. Why do you think it was so difficult for her to turn her dreams over to Him?

6)   The title for this story has a double meaning. Mercy is physically missing, but there was also a lot of mercy missing from the attitudes of the people around her. Where did you notice this the most?

7)   Jed longs for unity in the church, yet even today we find our churches divided based on race, economic class, and preferences. How do you think we can better create unity in the Church within each of our own communities?