Suggested Questions

Billy Graham: A Biography of America's Greatest Evangelist W. Terry Whalin

- 1. What were some of the greatest struggles Billy Graham went through in childhood or as an adult that helped forge his character?
- 2. You paint Graham as somewhat of a practical joker as a kid. What kind of things did he do?
- 3. Although he grew up in the segregated south what was his relationship like with Blacks? What did he learn from Reese Brown?
- 4. What were some of his hobbies growing up as a kid?
- 5. Most people don't know that Graham went through some of his own doubts and dark nights of the soul related to the Bible. What did he conclude?
- 6. Graham's message wasn't always well received. Did this ever cause him to second guess his calling?
- 7. Ruth Graham was an integral part of his ministry. How did they balance the travel with raising a family?
- 8. Many people don't know that Billy nearly died in an airliner crash. What happened?
- 9. What was the *Modesto Manifesto* and how did this shape the future of Graham's life and organization?
- 10. His involvement with several presidents was well known. Tell us the story of his relationship with Dwight Eisenhower and what came of that?
- 11. How about Richard Nixon. Graham's association with Nixon became a bit of a problem didn't it?
- 12. Most of us know Graham for his meetings in the States. What kind of an impact did he have in other parts of the world?
- 13. What was Graham's interchange with Winston Churchill about?
- 14. Why did such places like New York present such a challenge to Graham and his team?
- 15. In researching and writing about Graham, what are some of the most important character qualities you saw in him and how can we nurture these in our own lives?

Biographical Sketch

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