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## *Inspirational Romance for the Jane Austen Soul*



### Group Discussion Guide for ***Before the Season Ends***

1. *Before the Season Ends* is set in Regency England (circa 1800 – 1830). What aspects about life and relationships in this period did you find the most interesting?
2. Ariana believed strongly in "honoring her faith and her Lord." How do you think a woman who lacks strong convictions can strengthen her faith? Do you know a Christian without strong convictions? How could you use the Bible to try and help her?
3. Ariana spends a lot of time praying and seeking God. Hebrews 11: 6 states that "without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6 NIV) Is Ariana rewarded? How? Are there troublesome things you have brought to God and been rewarded for by His answer?
4. There's an old hymn which states, "God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform." At one point, Ariana is mystified by how her necessary affiliation with Mr. Mornay can be of God. Later on, she realizes that it is. What are some of the mysterious ways the Lord has worked in your life which seemed negative at the time, only to bring great blessing in the end? Share and discuss an instance.
5. When Ariana doesn't hear from her parents, she just "knows" something is wrong. Is your family so close that you would have this reaction? What would be a good way for someone to strengthen their family's ties if they aren't close? What is one thing that you do to help strengthen your own family?

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6. Ariana makes a great effort to distinguish between "mere religion," and "soul-saving faith." Can you describe the difference in your own words? Why is this difference so important?
7. In the end, Mr. Mornay says he was amazed to discover that he could actually sense the presence of God. Have you ever experienced that? "Knowing" that God is there, with you? If so, think about it. What were you doing at the time? Were you praying? What difference has it made in your life?
8. Write about an experience you've had when you sensed God's presence in a strong way. Share this with someone else. Do you think it could happen again? Why or why not?
9. Based on 2 Corinthians 6:14, Ariana insists she cannot marry "an unbeliever." Notice, however, that there is no restriction regarding the class, rank, or ethnicity ("race") of a potential mate. What does this tell you about God? Does He see people as we do, or view all men as equals?
10. Share how this book has been edifying or refreshing with someone else. Is there someone you know who might benefit from reading it? Consider lending them your book, or even getting a copy for them as a gift.



**Linore Rose Burkard** writes *Inspirational Romance for the Jane Austen Soul*. Her characters take you back in time to experience life and love during Regency England era (circa 1800 – 1830). Ms. Burkard's novels include *Before the Season Ends* and *The House on Grosvenor Square* (coming April, 2009). Her stories blend Christian faith and romance with well-researched details from the Regency period. Experience a romantic age, where timeless lessons still apply to modern life. And, enjoy a romance that reminds you happy endings are possible for everyone. For more information, visit: [www.LinoreRoseBurkard.com](http://www.LinoreRoseBurkard.com)

