

The Kaleidoscope

Discussion Questions

1. Harold started his journey trying to entice Georgia back by trying to get a promotion. Why do you think she really left him?
2. What do you think Harold was trying to gain from his church attendance? Was he successful?
3. How does Pepper change Harold's outlook on life?
4. Harold believed his grandmother's opinion of his father. How did she influence his beliefs about himself? About God?
5. Which future-seer do you relate to the most?
6. The 'scope seems to be working to move the characters from fears they're harboring. Discuss which one made the most impact on you. What fear might the 'scope find in you?
7. What role does Glenda play in the story?
8. What do you think about how Walter chose to live his life? Did he sacrifice or was he selfish? Should he have abandoned his research to rejoin his son and risked being arrested?
9. The technologies found in the kaleidoscope are sought after for their powers. Do you think we'll ever have future seeing devices? What do you think you would see if you had the chance to look? How would such an ability change our world?

10. Several themes occur throughout the book: acceptance, faith, trust, and friendship, for example. Which one of these themes, or perhaps another, affected you the most?