



Theo of Golden

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Discussion Questions

1. What was your overall impression of the book? Strengths and weaknesses?
2. Who was your favorite character? Why?
3. What was your favorite scene in the book? Why?
4. If there were a sequel to the book, focusing on one of the characters other than Theo, which character would you want it to be?
5. Of all the friendships that Theo forged in the story, which interested you most as a reader? Which revealed the most about Theo?

Theme: Presence / Incarnation / Attentiveness

- A. Why do you think Theo insisted on doing his giving in person, in secret, one at a time? What did that tell us about him?
- B. Identify instances of Theo's attentiveness. How do we develop a habit of attentiveness? What are the benefits?

C. Could Theo have connected the same way using technology like texting or email? Why or why not?

Theme: Sadness

A. What do you think Theo meant by 'good sadness'? What role did it play in his life? What might 'bad sadness' be?

Theme: Gladness / Playfulness

A. When was Theo playful? What did Father Lundy mean by playful but purposeful?

Theme: Beauty

A. How did Theo cultivate a love of beauty?

B. When did beauty inspire him?

C. Have you had moments like that?

D. How can we encourage a love of beauty in others?

Theme: Change

A. Did Theo's story inspire you to change in any way?

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