*Places in the Heart*

**1.** Which sounds and images from the opening credits and scenes of *Places in the Heart* suggest that faith is an important part of everyday life in this small Texas town?

**2.** What sign of faith does Edna’s husband Royce exhibit as he approaches the intoxicated young man who has a pistol in his hand?

**3.** What is the significance of the contrast between Sheriff Royce Spalding’s treatment of Wylie, the drunken young man, and the posse that later murders and hangs him?

**4.** What does Edna’s treatment of the drifter Moze tell you about her faith and ability to forgive?

**5.** Why are images of churches in the film important, even though no character is shown inside of a church until the final scene of the movie?

**6.** What did you learn from the first scenes of the film about the power of faith?

**7.** How does Edna’s decision to hire Moze demonstrate a basic level of faith?

**8.** Describe the difference between Edna’s faith and the faith of her banker, who is a deacon at   
 the church.

**9.** How does the infidelity of Edna’s brother-in-law toward his wife, Viola, contribute to your understanding of the importance of faith?

**10.** What role does the storm scene play in relationship to faith?

**11.** How does Edna’s unrelenting confidence that she will successfully grow and sell cotton to avoid losing her home and her children demonstrate the central role of faith in Christian life?

**12.** Who is present at the final Communion scene in the film? What does this scene reveal about the relationship between faith and salvation (which your student book defines as liberation from sin and eternal union with God in Heaven)?