

Single Sashimi discussion questions

1. Venus comes across often as a cold, harsh person... why do you think she does this? Do you think it is a conscious effort to guard her heart or an unconscious learned behavior?
2. Venus works in a male-dominated workplace. She often feels she must overachieve to prove her worth. Although women have made great strides towards equality in the workplace, are there still barriers keeping women from achieving success in primarily male fields? Do women have to work harder to be successful?
3. Venus has lost a lot of weight and feels people, male and female, treat her differently than they did when she was overweight. How do you think society judges people, especially women, who are overweight?
4. Venus Chau is determined to start her own game development company - what do you think she did RIGHT in reaching this goal? What do you think she could have done differently? Can you relate to Venus' determination? Why or why not? Do you think determination can ever get in the way of our relationship with God? With other people? Why or why not?
5. Venus is very reluctant for anyone to visit her condo. In fact, when Edgar is in her condo without her knowledge, she feels the need to clean any surface he may have touched. Do you think her reaction to clean is a reaction to the break-in or does Venus have other issues?
6. In what ways was Drake's response to his health scare a benefit and a hindrance in his journey to Christ? Looking back over your own life, what are some of the steps that brought you closer to God?
7. Venus starts volunteering at a church's youth group. Have you ever or are you currently volunteering in a similar way? How did Venus use her life experience to help the teens? How do you use your life experiences to help others? Do you believe service (in a church or elsewhere) is vital to our relationship with God? How did volunteering change Venus?
8. Can you relate to Venus' relationship with her mother? If you are a parent or grandparent can you see yourself in either of these characters?
9. Catty Co-workers: Everyone has them. Whether they steal presentations like Esme did to Venus or just spread gossip around the workplace, they can cause strife in everyone's workday. How do you deal with these catty co-workers? How did Venus? What does Christ say to do with those who are our enemies?

10. Towards the end of the novel, Venus feels convicted about the type of video game she has created. What would you do when you are faced with a job related situation that goes against your spiritual or moral beliefs?

11. Venus and Jaye were cheated out of a life's work. When have you been betrayed? How did God work good into Venus' situation? Into yours?