Discussion Questions for *When You've Been Blessed...*

1. What were your thoughts about the main character when you first began reading the book?
2. What did you think of her husband?
3. Do you think she was happy with her life?
4. How did you feel about AJ's revelation? How would you have reacted if you had been in Tonya's shoes?
5. What is your opinion of Tonya's mother's advice to her regarding her marriage?
6. Do you think that Tonya's relationship with her sisters affected her relationship with Apollo and her children?
7. What's your take on some of Tonya's behavior (checking her husband's phone, eavesdropping on his conversation)? How would you have handled things differently?
8. What was your first impression of Kwame Kane?
9. Were you surprised at how Tonya and Kwame's relationship evolved?
10. Do you think Tonya's reaction to spending the night with Kwame was a good reaction? How could she have handled that situation better?
11. What do you think about Apollo's relationship with his new wife?
12. What was your reaction to Apollo and Lisa "dropping in" on Tonya? How would you have handled that situation?
13. How do you feel about the things Kwame revealed to Tonya after he proposed to her?
14. What specific themes did the author emphasize throughout the novel? What do you think she is trying to get across to the reader?
15. Do the characters seem real and believable? Can you relate to their predicaments? To what extent do they remind you of yourself or someone you know?
16. How do the characters change or evolve throughout the course of the story? What events trigger such changes?
17. What was your favorite part of the book? What was your least favorite part of the book?
18. Who was your favorite character? Which character did you most dislike?
19. If you were the author, what about this book would you change?
20. If there was a sequel to this book, what would you like to see happen in the characters' lives?