Reading Questions: pages 153-168

1. Do you think that it is a good idea for Jem and Scout to attend church with Calpurnia? What experience(s)/insight(s) might they gain?
2. Why is Calpurnia so concerned with the children’s attire? What does this tell you about how she feels taking the children to church with her?
3. What is ironic about the activities that take place in Cal’s church?
4. What causes extreme tension between Cal, the children, and the people of Cal’s church? Did you expect this? Why or why not?
5. When Reverend Sykes says, “You all know their father,” (p. 160) why would all those in attendance know who he was?
6. Is Calpurnia’s church much different than the one Scout and Jem usually attend?
7. Why did Reverend Sykes lock the doors of the church and wouldn’t let the congregation leave?
8. Why can’t Tom Robinson’s wife find work?
9. Why would taking up a collection for hymn books be futile?
10. Make a prediction: Why do you think Aunt Alexandra has shown up?