**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter 12**

1. **List three things that are perplexing Scout at the beginning of the summer.** Three things that were perplexing Scout is Jem changing, Dill not coming over during the summer, and Atticus is going away for two weeks. Jem was more mean and told Scout to become more of a girl. Dill couldn’t come to Maycomb County because his family planned to build a fishing boat. Then, the state legislature is called into emergency session and Atticus would be leaving for two weeks.
2. **What does Scout find unusual about Calpurnia’s manner of speaking in ‘Negro Church’?** Scout finds it unusual that Calpurnia speaks different in the church. Calpurnia was using different vocabulary and her accent was different. Her English seemed a little more broken. This was how Calpurnia was speaking to her friends at the church.
3. **Why does Reverend Sykes order the doors of the church shut?** Reverend Sykes orders the doors of the church to be shut because so he can collect $10 for Tom Robinson’s wife, Helen.
4. **Why does the congregation sing the hymns by “lining”?** The church cannot afford to buy hymn books for all of the people who are in the church. In addition, there are only four people that have the ability to read.
5. **What explanation does Calpurnia give for talking “n\*\*\*\*r-talk”?** The explanation Calpurnia gives for talking like that because so she can fit in. If she talked “white-folks talk” at church and with her neighbors, people would think she would be puttin’ on airs to beat Moses. That statement means to pretend to be something you are not.
6. **Who is sitting on the Finch’s front porch?** Aunt Alexandra is sitting in a rocking chair on Finch’s front porch.
7. **Lula challenges Cal for bringing the children to the ‘Negro Church’ Zeebo explains that she’s a troublemaker and that she has fancy ideals and haughty ways. What other explanation might there be for Lula’s reaction?** Lula is being influenced by the people around her. All of the people around her are probably racist and rude. So, Lula picks up their traits and has the same mindset as the people surrounding her.
8. **Cal told Lula that they all, black and white, had the same god. What would this god have to say about segregation and prejudice?** I think God would not approve of the segregation shown in the town. I think God treats us all the same and thus, everyone should be treated the same.
9. **Cal tells Scout that it isn’t necessary to know all and that folks are aggravated by having someone around who knows more than they do. Is this true, and why did Cal say this?** I believe that Calpurnia said this because the people in their town were ignorant. In today’s age, if someone knew something I didn’t know about, then I would ask them to teach me about the topic.