Alma 53

Verses 10–15: What do we learn about the people of Ammon? What do we learn about Helaman? Why is he afraid they will lose their souls if they defend themselves?

Verse 18: How did Nephite armies differ from today’s armies? Do our soldiers have any say as to who their officers are? What might this tell us about the Nephites?

Alma 54 and 55

Compare the letters in these two chapters to those in chapters 60 and 61. What kind of personality do you think Moroni has? For example, does he carry out the threat he makes in verse 12? What kind of person is Ammoron?

Alma 60

Moroni’s letter is strong. Do you think he knew Pahoran personally? What in the letter would serve as evidence for your answer?

Verses 14–17: What is the best thing the Nephites could have done to prevent the attacks of the Lamanites?
Verses 18–21: What are the three possible explanations Moroni can think of for Pahoran’s failure to help? Why doesn’t he think of the actual explanation?

When, in verse 20, Moroni asks, “Have ye forgotten the captivity of our fathers?” who are the fathers to whom he is referring? Is he thinking in terms of types and shadows, of Moses and Israel, for example?

Verse 33: Given the actual reasons for Pahoran’s delay, what are we to make of what Moroni says about what the Lord has said? Does this tell us anything about the nature of revelation?

Alma 61

Verses 9, 19–20: What kind of person is Pahoran? What does it take for us to learn to respond to criticism as he has, particularly when the criticism isn’t justified?

Alma 62

Verses 48–51: Given what we’ve seen before in the Book of Mormon, what is surprising about these Nephites?

Verse 50: As before, we see the writer, Moroni, telling us that the Nephites remembered what great things the Lord had done for them. Is this typological thinking? If so, how might we learn to think in the same way, remembering what great things the Lord has done for us and, in that, remembering the sacrifice of Jesus Christ?
Alma 63

Verses 4–10: Why is this material important to the Book of Mormon narrative? Why is it important to us?

Verses 10–11: Why would these departures, rather than Shiblon’s impending death, have made it necessary for Shiblon to pass the records to Helaman’s son Helaman?