

STUDY GUIDE FOR UNTIL I FOUND YOU

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1. Kate's spiritual journey begins when she visits Leona in the hospital and confesses that her life is a mess. What are some of the experiences and events that motivate her seek God?
2. Nick is a reformed veteran of life in the fast lane. What motivates him to take a one-year social sabbatical? Do you think it was a wise step, or another example of Nick being extreme?
3. Kate frequently uses advertising slogans to describe her life. What does she mean when she talks about "keeping all the balls in the air?" Why does she "go with the flow" and what does that look like in her everyday life?
4. In her journal, Leona describes the ups and down of her marriage. Why does she feel compelled to tell Kate about the condors? What does she hope Kate will discover for herself?
5. While visiting the living nativity scene during the Christmas Faire, Kate wonders if wanting to believe in God is enough. She says she hopes so, because it's the best she can do. Have you ever asked yourself a similar question? How do you cope with doubt in your Christian walk?
6. California condors are remarkable creatures. What is the most unusual animal you've ever seen, either in the wild or at the zoo? What is the most breathtaking view you've ever enjoyed? Did these experiences make you more aware of God?
7. Which of the secondary characters was your favorite and why?
8. Eve Landon says that "Aging is both a war and an art form." Do you agree? How do you view growing old? What would Leona say to Eve's remark?
9. Nick is a daredevil at heart. Is this trait an asset in his faith walk or a liability? On a personal level, what's the biggest risk you've ever taken when it comes to faith?
10. When Kate tells Nick that she's going back to Sutton, he tells her he'll support her completely. At the same time, he's worried about her. What are Nick's biggest concerns? What is at stake for him personally?
11. Nick is a successful bad-boy travel writer, but as Christian he's written a memoir he can't sell. What did you think of how the plot line resolved? Were you surprised? What did you like best about Nick's friendship with Colton?
12. Have you ever lived in a small town like Meadows? What are the best things about it? What aspects are the hardest to cope with?