

*Discussion questions for all three books . . .
For readers in general and book clubs in particular*

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR UNTIL I FOUND YOU

By Victoria Bylin

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 to 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. 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?
4. 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?
5. 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?
6. Which of the secondary characters was your favorite and why?
7. Eve Landon says, "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?
8. 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?
9. 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?
10. 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?

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR TOGETHER WITH YOU

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1. Who was your favorite character in *Together With You*? Did you relate more to Carly, Ryan, Penny, or Carly's father? Why?
2. Dr. Ryan Tremaine made costly mistakes in his first marriage. When the story opens, he's determined to make things right with his sons. What would you have added to Ryan's "Sink or Swim List"?
3. Carly Jo Mason is struggling to come to terms with a past mistake. What stops her from fully embracing God's forgiveness?
4. Falling in love with Ryan Tremaine is the last thing Carly wants to do, but it happens. Do you think she made reasonable choices throughout the book? How do we balance our personal needs and values with the needs and values of others?
5. When it comes to religious or spiritual differences, Ryan wants to believe that mutual respect is enough as long as a man and woman love each other. If you were having a conversation with Ryan, what would you say to him?
6. Carly leaves a small town in Kentucky to pursue her education at UCLA. Have you ever made a big move like Carly's? What was it like for you? How did your faith help you adjust?
7. What symbols did you pick up on in the story? In particular, which symbols related to Penny and what did they mean to her?
8. The cover for *Together With You* has a very mainstream romance look. Do you like the cover? Does it match the story?
9. At its very heart, this story is about God extending His grace to human beings who have fallen short. How did Carly fall short? What about Ryan? What enabled them both to triumph?
10. Where do you think Carly, Ryan and the kids will all be in ten years? (Spoiler: If I'd written a second epilogue, I'd have sent Carly and Ryan on a medical mission trip. Kyle would be an intern at UCLA, Eric would be studying marine biology at UC San Diego, and Penny would be in high school and doing well with a little extra help from her teachers, family and friends.

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU

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1. When the story opens, Zeke Monroe has fallen away from a life-long Christian faith. What causes people to change the way Zeke did?
2. Julia Dare is a single mom and a brand new Christian. She's walked away from her old life and is determined to start fresh. What advice would you give her?
3. And then there's Hunter Adams . . . He's the father of Julia's son, her former live-in boyfriend, and a major problem for both Zeke and Julia. He's a narcissist, someone who wants to be worshipped and adored, and who values people for what they give him. How did you react to Hunter? As Christians, how do we handle difficult people?
4. Zeke and Julia have a past. What did they need to reconcile before they could move forward with a new relationship?
5. *Someone Like You* is primarily a romance, but it's also about fatherhood. What are the traits of a good father? How do those traits reflect God's divine nature? Hunter is determined to turn Max into his "mini-me." How did this impact Max? How was Zeke's father different from Hunter? In what ways were they alike?
6. Discuss the symbolism of the geodes.
7. Everybody loves Ladybug the goat. Did you have a favorite Ladybug moment?
8. George and Ellen have quite a romance of their own. Compare it to Julia and Zeke's relationship. Which relationship was simpler? What real-world situations impacted the two couples?
9. What marriage advice do you have for Zeke and Julia? How can they best get along with Hunter while protecting Max?
10. Narcissism is rampant in our modern culture, and studies show that it's on the rise. Do you agree with this assessment? What examples do you see in movies, the arts, and music?