

No Safe Harbor Discussion Questions

1. Cara and Rourke both had secrets they kept from one another. Was this right or wrong of them to do? How did keeping secrets hinder their relationship?
2. At the onset of the story, Rourke's main goal was to find the man he thought murdered his father so that he could take revenge. Was he wrong to want his father's killer brought to justice?
3. In the same way that Rourke wanted revenge for his father's death, Deidre sought justice for her husband's. How did having a common goal make them alike? Different? How did this goal threaten to destroy them?
4. Though they had a common goal, Rourke and Deidre elected very different paths which led to different outcomes. How is this similar to situations you face, and how can the decisions you make affect your outcome?
5. When Cara found out her brother was alive, she left her home, her country, and everyone she knew in order to search for him. Could you see yourself doing something like this? Why or why not?
6. Cara thought she lost her brother, Rourke lost his father, and Deidre lost her husband. How did losing someone they love shape each of these characters? Is the impact of grief on these characters similar to someone you know? What would you say to them to help them through their grief?
7. Cara spoke very openly about her faith. Rourke was more hesitant. Which one of these characters is most like you? Do you think either approach was better than the other?
8. Near the end of the story, Cara had to make a very difficult decision. Faced with choosing the man she loved or her brother, Cara chose Rourke. Did you agree with her decision? Why or why not?
9. How does the title of the book, *No Safe Harbor*, play into the overall theme of the story? Do you think that either Cara or Rourke were eventually able to find a place they considered safe?
10. At the culmination of the story, both of these characters had their faith tested in different ways. How has your own faith been tested, and what would you say to someone who is currently involved in a faith-based struggle?