

1. Did you have a favorite character? If so, what was it about him/her that impressed you most? Is there some aspect of their personality or the circumstances of their life you personally relate to?
2. In times of unrest, Lorena Huntley retreats to the seashore for solitude and the peace to hear the still, small voice of the Lord speak to her heart. Do you have a special place at home or outdoors in nature where you go to be quiet and listen to God's leading?
3. Jabez Smith befriended a young Brogan Talvis and shared his faith, which turned out to have a profound effect on Brogan as he grew to adulthood, even though outwardly he denied a relationship with God. Has there been someone in your life like Jabez who guided you to faith? How important is it to have the support of other believers in your life?
4. Brogan lost his faith in God when his son was taken from him. Has there ever been a time in your own life when you've felt separated from God? What happened to cause you to draw closer to Him again?
5. In an effort to be Christian and compassionate toward George Louder, Lorena's trusting nature got her into trouble. Do you feel she was too naive? Have you ever had someone take advantage of your kindness? Is it possible to show love and kindness toward others and yet remain distrustful and wary?
6. Like Brogan, were you ever faced with the difficult decision of sacrificing your own desires to help someone else? Do you believe God rewards our sacrifices?
7. One theme within the novel is forgiveness. In order to find happiness with Lorena, Brogan had to come to a place of forgiveness and release his bitterness at his wife's betrayal. Lorena called it a brave decision. Do you feel it takes courage to forgive? Why is it important to forgive? What other themes did you find in the novel?
8. What did you enjoy most about this time period in American history? Do you think you might have liked to live at this time? Why or why not?