

## ***Summer of the Midnight Sun* Discussion Questions**

1. Which character in the story did you most relate to and why?
2. Leah finds herself having waited a lifetime for love. Sometimes God has us wait for the things we want the most--have you found yourself in this situation?
3. The past is a hard burden for Leah to leave behind. Can you relate to issues in your past that are difficult to leave behind?
4. Alaska is a rugged and isolated land. How did this setting make you feel?
5. There is a contrast of isolation and loneliness in Leah's heart and the land in which she lives. What other contrasts did you pick up on between Alaska and the characters?
6. Jacob immediately dislikes Helaina because he discerns her motives are less than pure. How does discernment play a role in some of Jacob's other relationships?
7. Jayce Kincaid isolates himself in Alaska because of his own pain and past. What are some of the pros and cons to taking yourself out of a bad situation to such a drastic degree?
8. Trust takes time and effort in any relationship. Contrast and compare some of the trust issues going on in this story. Leah and Jacob, Jayce and Jacob, Leah and Helaina, Jacob and Helaina, etc.
9. Jacob and Leah share a special bond as siblings, while Jayce shares little but heartache with his siblings. Both have endured difficulties in their childhood, but Leah and Jacob have come out closer than ever. Give some thoughts as to why this happens.
10. Helaina is driven to her need for justice. Why is this need so strong?
11. Helaina has a difficult time relating to the concept of mercy. How do you reconcile the issues of mercy vs. justice?
12. What are some of the elements that strengthen Leah and Jayce's relationship amidst adversity?
13. Guilt is a powerful motivator. Compare the characters. How does guilt motivate their choices?

14. What message did you take away from this story overall?

15. Why would you want or not want to read the sequel?