

Book Club Discussion Questions

1. All Nick really wanted in life was a family of his own. Though Nick was drawn to Zach and his relationship with his family, he was afraid to admit how much he wanted the same. Why do you think that was?

2. Taylor had a comfortable life, a thriving business, and good friends, but she longed for something more. Why do you think it meant so much to her to join the Saltwater Cowboys? Do you think she was trying to prove something to herself or others?

3. Once news broke that Taylor was suing the Pony Committee and Fire Company, she began to receive calls and emails from people, accusing her trying to bring bad publicity to Chincoteague. Have you ever been in a similar situation? How did people react to your actions? Was it felt that your actions were justified in the end?

4. Even after the suit was settled, Taylor continued to be harassed, and she was put in harm's way. Why do you think that there were such strong feelings associated with her fight to be part of the pony swim?

5. Kate feared that she would lose her baby because of the medication she was taking. Have you ever had to make the choice between your own health and someone else's? How did you handle that?

6. Like all mothers, Kayla had to accept that her son, EJ, was no longer a child. Why is it so hard for parents to see that in their own children? What were some of your own experiences with your children that opened your eyes to how much they had grown and matured? How did it make you feel?

7. Trevor overcame a past very similar to Nick's. I've known people with less-than-perfect childhoods who continued to flounder as adults, and I've known some who used those experiences to become better people with fulfilling lives. How do you think Trevor managed to build himself a life so drastically different from the one of his youth? How have you seen this play out in the lives of people you know.

9. Nick came to realize that he needed God in his life. Has there ever been a time when you had that realization? Did you change anything about your life in order to make God a larger part of it?

10. What do you see happening in the future for the Kelly, Middleton, and Black families?