Where You Lead

Study Guide

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Adventurous Christian YA Mystery
Recognizing God’s call in your life.
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This study guide is intended to help students analyze the story by providing comprehension questions. These questions are designed to be adaptable and can be answered with one or two sentences or with longer essays. Keep in mind, the student’s answers will probably be slightly different than the answers provided. The questions may also be used spring-boards to more in-depth analysis. Select the questions appropriate for your student(s). This guide is created in the OLVS curriculum style.

Summary

A vision from God leads to the adventure of a lifetime.

Sixteen-year-old Eve Donahue’s lonely existence changes in an instant when visions of a mysterious stranger haunt her. Certain God is calling her for a mission, she bravely says yes and begins her quest to meet this young man.

Thousands of miles away, Nick Hammond has been dealing with his own unusual experience, an unwavering certainty to convince his father to run for political office.

When these two unlikely teens finally meet, their belief that God has called them to work together sets them on a journey of faith to untangle a web of deception involving international trade agreements, lost confederate gold, and a blossoming romance. As they follow century-old clues, they realize God can call us all in big and small ways. We just need to listen and say, “Yes, Lord, I will go where You lead.”
Chapters 1-5

1. At the beginning of the book, Eve finds herself rather confused inside a bathroom. Who does she expect to find waiting for her in the dining area?

2. Eve believes she has recently moved. Where does she realize she is at?

3. Who are the adults she talks to at her school about her mysterious visions?

4. What is Father Romero’s suggestion?

5. What happened to Eve’s best friend, Mindy?

6. What city does Eve believe she will find Nick in?

7. Where is the new job that Eve’s dad has been offered?
1. Eve and her family finally move to Washington, DC. Why are there no tall buildings in the city?

2. Which neighbor does LaVonne suggest that Eve visit?

3. Where does Eve finally see Nick? Who is he?

4. Eve takes the Metro to meet Nick. Where does she find him? How does their first meeting go?

5. When Nick and Eve meet at The Kennedy Center, where does Nick take Eve?

6. How does Nick react when he hears about Eve’s vision?

7. On Valentine’s Day, Nick shows up at Eve’s school. What does he want to tell her?
Chapters 12-17

1. On Valentine’s Day, what did Nick reveal to Eve?

2. Who is the first person Eve tells about meeting Nick? What advice does he give?

3. Where have Nick, and Eve, and their fathers, been invited?

4. What are Nick’s siblings’ names?

5. At the dinner party, what intriguing mystery does Mr. Stoltz bring up?

6. Who does Nick agree to meet? What does she show him?

7. Eve is upset when she finds out who Nick spent the evening with. Who does she visit?
1. Why do Nick and Eve decide to visit the Smithsonian Castle?

2. Who does Eve think can help them with this? Why?

3. What does LaVonne tell Eve about Mrs. Grant?

4. Eve makes a stop before meeting Nick at the Smithsonian. Where does she go?

5. What is the word on the symbol they find at the Smithsonian?

6. Their fun afternoon among the cherry blossoms is interrupted by whom?

7. While Eve is working on her math packet, what does she discover?
1. Where does Eve believe the third symbol will be found?

2. Who does Nick bring with him to Arlington Cemetery? Why?

3. What happens during the tour in the cellar?

4. What word accompanies the third symbol?

5. What important and surprising thing does Jace tell Nick and Eve?

6. Who approaches Nick after his run?

7. What does Nick believe the three uncovered clues are pointing to?
Chapters 30-35

1. After checking out the canal, where do Nick and Eve decide to visit next?

2. Where does Eve invite Mrs. Grant to join her and her family?

3. Nick tells Eve why he backed away from his social life. What happened?

4. Nick and Eve discover the tomb they were searching for, but it is locked. Who might have the key?

5. When Nick and Eve are leaving the cemetery, who approaches them?

6. Why does Nick want to meet with Natalia?

7. Nick and Eve meet Natalia at a coffee shop. Who else is there?
Chapters 36-41

1. Nick visits his father’s office in order to tell him what is going on. Why doesn’t he end up telling him?

2. Where does Eve go with her parents?

3. What is the ambassador’s reaction to Nick and Eve’s concerns about Natalia?

4. Who does Nick spot when he and Eve are at the Reflecting Pool?

5. Where does Nick believe Natalia is being held?

6. When Nick and Eve find Natalia, how is she?

7. Natalia finally decides to help Nick and Eve. What relevant information is in the next room?
Chapters 42-47

1. Where do Nick, Eve, and Natalia go after they leave the hotel?

2. Where does Eve believe the key might be found?

3. What embarrassing incident happens at the baseball game?

4. While they are at the baseball game, Natalia calls. Why is she upset?

5. How do Eve’s parents find out about the incident at the ballgame?

6. What is Nick’s plan to protect the sculpture?

7. What goes wrong with Nick’s plan?
Chapters 48-52

1. Nick and Eve examine the sculpture with their parents. Do they find anything in it?

2. Who all goes to the Cumberland Cemetery?

3. What happens before they open the vault?

4. What is in the tomb? Where does this lead them next?

5. What are the Bennet’s descendants’ hopes for their property?

6. After all is resolved, what did the ambassador promise his daughter?

7. Where does Nick take Eve for their first real date?
Chapters 1-5 Answers

1. At the beginning of the book, Eve finds herself rather confused inside a bathroom. Who does she expect to find waiting for her in the dining area?

   Eve expects to find her boyfriend, Nick, waiting for her in the dining area of the restaurant.

2. Eve believes she has recently moved. Where does she realize she is at?

   She realizes she did not move but is at the Pizza Barn in her hometown of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

3. Who are the adults she talks to at her school about her mysterious visions?

   Eve seeks advice from the school nurse (Nurse Kauffman), her counselor (Ms Martinez), and her Priest (Father Romero).

4. What is Father Romero’s suggestion?

   Father Romero suggests that Eve is being called, just like Samuel was in the Bible.

5. What happened to Eve’s best friend, Mindy?

   Mindy and her family have moved to South America to be missionaries.

6. What city does Eve believe she will find Nick in?

   After a vision of Nick with the Washington Monument in the background, Eve believes she will find Nick in Washington, DC.

7. Where is the new job that Eve’s dad has been offered?

   Eve’s father has been offered a job at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.
Chapters 6-11 Answers

1. Eve and her family finally move to Washington, DC. Why are there no tall buildings in the city?

   No buildings are allowed to be taller than the monuments.

2. Which neighbor does LaVonne suggest that Eve visit?

   LaVonne suggests that Mrs. Grant could use some help with her cats.

3. Where does Eve finally see Nick? Who is he?

   Eve sees Nick on TV while watching the news. Nick’s father is a newly elected senator.

4. Eve takes the Metro to meet Nick. Where does she find him? How does their first meeting go?

   Eve goes to Nick’s school in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting does not go well. She scares him.

5. When Nick and Eve meet at The Kennedy Center, where does Nick take Eve?

   Nick takes Eve to the Terrace Level of the performing arts center.

6. How does Nick react when he hears about Eve’s vision?

   Nick walks away from Eve, leaving her alone on the terrace.

7. On Valentine’s Day, Nick shows up at Eve’s school. What does he want to tell her?

   Nick tells Eve that he had a similar experience.
Chapters 12-17 Answers

1. On Valentine’s Day, what did Nick reveal to Eve?
   Nick tells Eve that he had a similar experience a year ago. He felt compelled to encourage his father to run for senator.

2. Who is the first person Eve tells about meeting Nick? What advice does he give?
   Eve emails Father Romero to tell him that she has met Nick. Father Romero cautions her to be careful, to pray for guidance, and to not assume that Nick is her soulmate.

3. Where have Nick, and Eve, and their fathers, been invited?
   They have all been invited to the Endelbourg Embassy for a dinner party.

4. What are Nick’s siblings’ names?
   Nick is the oldest child in his family. His siblings’ names are: Jace, Gabriella, Dillon, Olivia, and Grace.

5. At the dinner party, what intriguing mystery does Mr. Stoltz bring up?
   Mr. Stoltz mentions a conspiracy regarding lost confederate gold and the three men who have a unique symbol on each of their graves.

6. Who does Nick agree to meet? What does she show him?
   Nick agrees to meet Natalia. She takes him to Oak Hill Cemetery and shows him the grave of James Barrett. The mysterious symbol is also on this tombstone.

7. Eve is upset when she finds out who Nick spent the evening with. Who does she visit?
   Despite finding out what Nick discovered at the cemetery, Eve is upset that he spent the evening with Natalia. After her phone call with Nick, she visits Mrs. Grant.
1. Why do Nick and Eve decide to visit the Smithsonian Castle?

   Nick and Eve decide to visit the Smithsonian because Alexander Meyers worked there.

2. Who does Eve think can help them with this? Why?

   Eve remembers that Mrs. Grant used to work at the Smithsonian, so she believes her neighbor might be able to help them.

3. What does LaVonne tell Eve about Mrs. Grant?

   LaVonne shares with Eve that Mrs. Grant’s son died from a heart condition soon after her husband had also died.

4. Eve makes a stop before meeting Nick at the Smithsonian. Where does she go?

   On her way to meet Nick at the Smithsonian, Eve stops by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to visit her mom.

5. What is the word on the symbol they find at the Smithsonian?

   Nick and Eve are able to find the symbol at the Smithsonian. The word “Rose” accompanies the symbol.

6. Their fun afternoon among the cherry blossoms is interrupted by whom?

   Their fun afternoon is interrupted when Natalia sends Nick a message.

7. While Eve is working on her math packet, what does she discover?

   While working on a geometry problem, Eve discovers that some of the locations they have visited could form the points on a triangle. If the triangle is actually a map, she finds that the third point of a perfect triangle would land in Arlington Cemetery.
Chapters 24-29 Answers

1. Where does Eve believe the third symbol will be found?
   Eve believes the third symbol will be found at Arlington Cemetery.

2. Who does Nick bring with him to Arlington Cemetery? Why?
   Nick brings his siblings with him to Arlington Cemetery to be a distraction.

3. What happens during the tour in the cellar?
   When the tour group is in the cellar at Arlington House, eerie ghost sounds are heard. Flickering lights and a metal milk can that moves on its own scares everyone away...except for Nick and Eve.

4. What word accompanies the third symbol?
   The word “Chesapeake” is found with the third symbol.

5. What important and surprising thing does Jace tell Nick and Eve?
   Jace informs Nick and Eve that two men are following them.

6. Who approaches Nick after his run?
   As Nick nears his house after a run, two people approach him. Jeff Normandy, a well-known treasure hunter, and his assistant.

7. What does Nick believe the three uncovered clues are pointing to?
   While Nick and Eve are on Roosevelt Island, Nick comes to the realization that the clues might be pointing to the canal that runs through Georgetown - the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.
Chapters 30-35 Answers

1. After checking out the canal, where do Nick and Eve decide to visit next? Why?

   Nick and Eve decide to head to Cumberland, Maryland, because that is where the C&O Canal ends, and Barrett’s wife was from Cumberland.

2. Where does Eve invite Mrs. Grant to join her and her family?

   Eve invites Mrs. Grant to attend Easter Mass with her and her family.

3. Nick tells Eve why he backed away from his social life. What happened?

   Nick tells Eve about an event that happened during his father’s campaign. After Nick was at a party, someone sent him photos that made it appear that he had been drinking. The person threatened to send the photos to the press. After that incident, Nick didn’t know who he could trust, so he stopped socializing altogether.

4. Nick and Eve discover the tomb they were searching for, but it is locked. Who might have the key?

   They remember that the Endelbourg Embassy had discovered a key with the diary.

5. When Nick and Eve are leaving the cemetery, who approaches them?

   As Nick and Eve are about to leave the Cumberland Cemetery, they are threatened by the two men who have been following them.

6. Why does Nick want to meet with Natalia?

   Nick wants Natalia to bring the diary to the coffee shop.

7. Nick and Eve meet Natalia at a coffee shop. Who else is there?

   Jeff Normandy, the treasure hunter, is also at the coffee shop.
Chapters 36-41 Answers

1. Nick visits his father’s office in order to tell him what is going on. Why doesn’t he end up telling him?
   
   Nick never gets a chance to tell his father what is going on because another senator interrupts them.

2. Where does Eve go with her parents?
   
   Eve and her parents visit a Civil War battlefield.

3. What is the Ambassador’s reaction to Nick and Eve’s concerns about Natalia?
   
   The ambassador is not worried about Natalia. He states that Natalia is away with friends.

4. Who does Nick spot when he and Eve are at the Reflecting Pool?
   
   While Nick and Eve are at the Reflecting Pool near the Lincoln Memorial, Nick spots the two men who have been following them.

5. Where does Nick believe Natalia is being held?
   
   After studying the photo, Nick believes that Natalia is being held at a hotel in Foggy Bottom.

6. When Nick and Eve find Natalia, how is she?
   
   Nick and Eve are surprised to find that Natalia is fine. She admits to them that she worked with Mr. Stoltz to fake her kidnapping so he would help her return to her boarding school.

7. Natalia finally decides to help Nick and Eve. What relevant information is in the next room?
   
   Natalia tells Nick and Eve that the diary, as well as some letters, are in the adjacent hotel room.
1. Where do Nick, Eve, and Natalia go after they leave the hotel?
   Nick drives them to the National Cathedral.

2. Where does Eve believe the key might be found?
   Eve thinks the key might be hidden in a sculpture that is at the Kennedy Center.

3. What embarrassing incident happens at the baseball game?
   Nick and Eve appear on the kiss-cam.

4. While they are at the baseball game, Natalia calls. Why is she upset?
   Natalia calls to tell Nick and Eve that she told Mr. Stoltz that Eve mentioned that the key was in the uprising.

5. How do Eve’s parents find out about the incident at the ballgame?
   Eve’s parents watch the highlights of the game on television with Nick and Eve. The kiss-cam footage is one of the highlights.

6. What is Nick’s plan to protect the sculpture?
   Nick plans to sneak into the Kennedy Center, place a camera near the sculpture, and keep an eye on the artwork during the weekend.

7. What goes wrong with Nick’s plan?
   The two men who have been following them show up while Nick is placing the camera. In order to protect the piece, Nick takes the sculpture. Nick and Eve are chased by the men through the Kennedy Center.
Chapters 48-52 Answers

1. Nick and Eve examine the sculpture with their parents. Do they find anything in it?
   
   Nick and Eve, along with their upset parents, find a key hidden in the sculpture.

2. Who all goes to the Cumberland Cemetery?
   
   Nick, Eve, their families, Jeff Normandy and his crew all gather at the Cumberland Cemetery to open the vault.

3. What happens before they open the vault?
   
   Before they can open the vault, the bad guys show up.

4. What is in the tomb? Where does this lead them next?
   
   They find another symbol in the tomb. This clue leads them to the Bennet family home.

5. What are the Bennet’s descendants’ hopes for their property?
   
   The owners of the property hope to turn the land into a rehabilitation facility for injured veterans.

6. After all is resolved, what did the ambassador promise his daughter?
   
   The ambassador promises to listen to Natalia.

7. Where does Nick take Eve for their first real date?
   
   Nick takes Eve to the Kennedy Center. He has set up a romantic dinner on the terrace.

8. Have you ever felt called by God to do something?
Additional Items to Research

This story takes place in Washington, DC, which is a city rich in history. The following places are sites that Nick and Eve visited or discussed during their adventure. Researching these locations could be an additional project for students who are interested in learning more about our nation’s capital.

Francis Scott Key Bridge
The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
The Smithsonian Institute
The C & O Canal
Embassy Row
The Naval Observatory
Jefferson Memorial and Tidal Basin
Washington Monument
Georgetown University
Arlington Cemetery
Roosevelt Island
Ford’s Theater
The National Cathedral
Mount Vernon
Watergate Hotel