

***Submerged* Discussion Questions**

1. Bailey is afraid to return to Yancey. Why? Have you ever been afraid to face a person or group of people? If so, how did you overcome that fear? What are some Bible verses that speak about overcoming our fears?
2. Bailey was worried that everyone in Yancey would view her as she used to be years ago. Was Bailey correct in believing this? Have you ever made mistakes in your past that you regretted? Have you ever struggled to let go of past mistakes, past choices? What does Jesus say about our past when we come to a saving relationship with Him? What does He say about our new life in Him?
3. Cole's heart aches when some of his colleagues joke about Bailey upon her return to Yancey. Has anyone made fun of someone dear to you? If so, how did you react? What do you think about Cole's reaction?
4. Cole felt like a teenager all over again when he sees Bailey for the first time after years of separation. Have you ever run into somebody from your past that brings old feelings rushing back? Who are some people in your life that bring back old memories when you see them?
5. As a dive rescue captain, Cole McKenna makes more body recoveries than live rescues. How does Cole deal with the discouragement? How would you? What other professions might prove equally as trying?
6. Cole's family runs an adventure outfitting company. Are there any adventures you'd like to take? Any new experiences you've always wanted to try? Skiing, white-water rafting, scuba diving?
7. Bailey is a professor of Russian History. Is there a particular country or time period that fascinates you? Prior to reading *Submerged*, were you aware of Alaska's Russian history? Did anything surprise you?
8. Bailey inherited her love of Russian history from her aunt. Have you ever inherited a hobby or interest from someone you love? If so, what, and who shared it with you? Do you hope to pass that interest on to someone else--perhaps a child, niece, friend?
9. God uses this difficult period in Bailey's life to help her grow and heal. Has God ever worked through a difficult period in your life to help you grow or heal? What are some Bible verses that remind us that He is at work in our lives even in the difficult times?

10. Cole reaches a point where he feels utterly helpless. Have you ever felt that way? Where does Cole turn for help? Are his prayers answered?