

*Valley of the Shadow* Discussion Questions:

1. How had Conner's newfound faith changed him in this book compared to *Vanish*?
2. How had Mitch's character changed since the previous book? In what ways was he the same?
3. What truths did Mitch learn during his journey with Nathan?
4. What could Mitch's relationship with his father teach us about our own relationships?
5. In what ways did Pale Man exert control over Devon?
6. What further details about the Interworld did you discover in this story? How do you think this "world" lines up with what the Bible says about life after death?
7. Conner became frustrated trying to find God's plan for his life. Do you believe God has a unique plan for each of us? If so, how has that changed how you lived your life?
8. In what ways did Jim Malone's character grow during the story? What challenges did he face?
9. What false ideas about death and dying did the characters in this story hold? Do similar misperceptions exist in our culture? Where do you think these ideas come from?
10. How did these stories impact your thinking about life and death?