

AIRBORNE
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Discussion Questions

1. Heather is taking off on a vacation without her husband. What decisions is she wrestling with? What advice would you give her as she faces life-changing choices?
2. As Heather's fellow passengers fall ill on the plane, she wonders why God would allow so many to succumb. What does she tell her seat-mate Mia about faith? What answers do you have for these types of questions?
3. Why does Chad say he's seeking to divorce Heather? Are these marital problems things they could overcome? Why or why not? What does the Bible say about divorce? What qualities are needed for successful marriages?
4. Why is Chad so resistant to the "God thing" Heather has going? How would you approach sharing the gospel with someone like him?
5. Heather is quick to offer compassion and assistance to others but reluctant to accept it for herself. Why is it sometimes hard to be on the receiving end of such acts of kindness? What can you do to show someone kindness today?
6. Even after Chad learns that he and Heather are expecting a child together, he's resistant to the idea of reaching out to his wife. What excuses does he give? What eventually changes his mind?
7. When Chad's name surfaces as a person of interest in the deadly virus infection, what makes Heather think he might be guilty?

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8. In this story, the media is quick to spread unsupported allegations, and this misinformation is believed as the truth. How does the author's portrayal of the media compare to real-life agencies? What techniques can you use to discern the truth and avoid falling for "fake news"?
9. Chad tends to want to squash his emotions, favoring logic and scientific reasoning over feelings. When might his approach to life be appropriate or even necessary? When should emotions be allowed to control a person's actions or reactions?
10. Heather recognizes that her relationship with Chad has reached an unhealthy place. What steps does she take to try to change her interactions with him? What other things might you suggest Heather do to establish healthier boundaries?
11. Chad's revelations about God bring him to a surprising conclusion about his relationship with Heather and the importance of his work. What does he begin to understand as he reads and learns more about God? In what ways does his thinking line up with the truth of Romans 8:28?
12. How do you feel about the way mental illness is portrayed in this story? How are people afflicted with mental illness perceived, both in the story and in real life? What can be done to avoid negative stereotypes?