

Just Destiny Discussion Questions

- 1) Steve attempted to realign his heart with his engagement to Annie. Many might scoff that it was a doomed effort from the beginning. Did Steve simply choose the wrong woman or is the whole idea of transferring one's affections a poor idea?
- 2) What difficulties might Gabe and Jenny's child have had to face and do you think Jenny could have adequately prepared him/her?
- 3) Should Jenny have tried to ease her grief by using Gabe's sperm to conceive his child, when deep down she suspected that he really didn't want more children or does what he would have wanted have no part in this decision?
- 4) Soul mates are two people who are destined to be together-and only those two people-for all eternity. Soul mates share a deep, intimate connection. Do you believe in soul mates? Do you believe we only have one soul mate in this lifetime?
- 5) Do you think men would have a different perspective than women on the idea of deliberately conceiving a baby after the father has died?
- 6) Huntington's disease is an autosomal-dominant neurodegenerative disease that is characterized by a triad of symptoms, including cognitive disturbance, motor abnormalities, and psychiatric features. Disease onset typically occurs between the ages of 35 and 44 years, with an average survival of 20 years. There is currently no cure for the disease. It is estimated that suicide rates among those with Huntington's is as much as 7 to 12 fold increase over the rate of the general population.

If you were Judith and your children could have inherited the disease . . . would you have them tested? When would you tell them?

- 7) Reproductive materials, such as sperm and eggs, are legal ambiguities. They are parts of the body, yet, under specific circumstances, they have the unique ability to create another human being, so should they be legislated by their own set of laws? Why?
- 8) Should dead people have legal rights? Do you think Gabe's rights were violated? Why?
- 9) When is the right time to tell Michael that Jenny is really his birth mother?
- 10) By not using the sperm Jenny fought for so hard, and so publicly, she opens herself up to ridicule from some people. Do you agree or disagree with her decision?