

The Lives Between Us Discussion Questions

- 1) Should politicians' lives be completely open to public scrutiny or should they be allowed a certain degree of privacy? Who determines what should be allowed to be private and what should be disclosed?
- 2) Are you for or against embryonic stem cell therapy and why?
- 3) Do you think it's credible that there could be a black market for embryonic stem cells one day?
- 4) If you were in Faith's and Peter's position of having a critically ill child like Niki, would you make the same choice they did, to have another child for the use of its cord blood stem cells? Would you use the last matching embryos to start a back-up Embryonic Stem Cell line for the child's treatment?
- 5) Should the US change its policy and start regulating the creation and disposal/use of embryos?
- 6) Was Skylar truly being a good friend to the Hastingses by writing the article, or was she simply justifying what she did?
- 7) In the end, were Edward's consequences of giving up his cherished career and living the rest of his life with a secret—a secret capable of destroying his marriage—punishment enough for betraying his constituents and ignoring Noelle's beliefs and choosing to use ESCs in her therapy?
- 8) If confronted with a tragedy like Noelle's, do you honestly think you'd be able to take the moral high ground and continue living your beliefs to not destroy embryos for treatment, even if doing so hurt the people you love?
- 9) How does Skye's personal loss and Faith's brush with death (twice) affect her relationships and motivate Skye's actions/beliefs?
- 10) SPOILER ALERT: This question reveals ending.
Do you think Edward paid off Eileen because he was sorry he had to force her to start her life over or because he secretly condoned the use of ESCs, knew all along that she'd used ESCs, and was paying her for keeping quiet and taking the heat for him?