

Redemptive Love in *The Spitfire Grill*

While viewing the film, consider the following questions. Following the film, you will work with a partner to discuss these questions at length.

1. Percy goes to Gilead with the hope that she can have a second chance, a fresh start. To what extent is she successful? Who tries to help her with this? Who stands in her way?
2. Describe a time in your life when you wanted or needed a fresh start. Were you able to get one? Why or why not?
3. If you were Hannah, would you be willing to trust Percy—to look beyond her past and let her live and work with you? What are the risks of trusting as Hannah did? What are the unexpected benefits or surprises when we trust others?



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4. As Percy and Hannah begin to develop a relationship, Hannah falls and injures herself. As Percy puts balm on Hannah, she asks, “Do you suppose if a wound goes real deep, the healing of it can hurt almost as bad as what caused it?” How would you answer this question? In other words, are there things in life that hurt so deeply that it’s difficult even to acknowledge them? Why can healing be so painful at times?

5. Hannah’s nephew, Nahum, doesn’t believe that Percy can change. Describe a time when you felt this way about someone else OR a time when someone else expressed this about you. Why do you think it can be so difficult for us to believe that someone else can change, especially for the better?

6. If you were a resident of Gilead, would you be able to forgive Nahum? If you were Hannah or Shelby, would you be able to forgive him? If you were Nahum, would you be able to forgive yourself? Based on these insights, what do you think is the most important lesson this film can teach us about forgiveness?

7. Recall the definition of redemptive love: love that is willing to give everything—even one’s own life—for the sake of redeeming, saving, or setting free another person. How do you see redemptive love in this film? What characters embody this idea in their words and actions?



