

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. DR and Mekie grew up in religious families where faith in God was of the highest value. How did they both end up running from religion? Do you see any parallels in their circumstances in society today?
2. Why does DR go away to college in Spain? Is this a part of the “all things working for good”?
3. Throughout the story, the other characters think and say that DR hates God, but he never says that. He does say that he doesn’t like Christianity and wants no part of a god that would let bad things happen to children. Is there a difference?
4. Did Willie do the right thing in telling DR about Gail and her journals? If you were in his place, would you want to know?
5. Willie was deceived by Satan or tricked by her friend, Kelsey Briggs, into believing Ashton had cheated on her. Could she become so mad that she couldn’t ask Ashton?
6. DR packed up his home on Wall Lake and put a For Sale sign on it when he left. Can you understand why he wanted to leave? Was it all about memories, or could something else have contributed to his departure? In his place, what would you do?
7. When DR was young, his uncle sexually assaulted him. If you were his mother or father, would you have notified the police?
8. DR often sees his difficulties while missing the fact that he is living a blessed life. Can you see a path forming as God uses him while blessing him too?
9. The story title is No Romancing the Passengers, can you see why DR would have made that a rule? Was his shortsightedness a part of his grieving process?
10. Often, some think that when you’re born again you automatically start living differently. In the story, DR and Debbie have two different opinions on “opening the cookie jar.” Shouldn’t she have lost her worldview directly after her conversion? Is that possible without the knowledge of God’s Word or the Holy Spirit?
11. Throughout the story, DR is torn between his upbringing, Michigan strong, and the choices before him. (More about Michigan strong in the next book.) What do you think Michigan strong is?
12. Ryan, DR’s second cousin by marriage, is a part-time church administrator. How do you think he came up with the money for the cruise?
13. Two generations ago, most Christians wouldn’t think of having a drink, especially in public. Here, sangria is "owing, even with the believers. Is that something you feel comfortable with?
14. Did DR make the right decision in leaving the port of Kochi after removing the devices on the DI? Especially after spotting the terrorists watching them?
15. Why would Jennings send all the way to Yemen to traffic the children?

16. Did you sense a spirit rising up in Debbie when she was talking to Joshua about the differences he felt in different places because he was Jewish? Was she right?

17. Can you feel the plot forming as the story unfolds? Is God's hand on DR and using his heartaches to propel his successes?