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John Q Discussion Questions:

1. Did John Q choose the right method to get his son the heart transplant he needed to live? Why or why not?
2. Do you think you would do the same in his situation? If not, what would you have done differently? Do you think your parents would have done the same if it was you who needed the transplant?
3. Did the end justify the means in John's situation? What are the consequences that John must face? Do you think he thought about that before he made his choice?
4. How do you think the media helped the crisis situation? How do you think the media made it worse? What could they have done to be more helpful?
5. How could Rebecca Payne and Dr. Turner have been more sensitive to the Archibald's situation involving their son?
6. Why is it important to know and understand the content and limitations of all contracts and policies? Would this have helped John in any way?
7. How does an administrator like Rebecca Payne balance policies and procedures with human life?
8. What made Rebecca Payne change her attitude towards the Archibalds and help them find a donor for their son? What changed the attitude of Dr. Turner?
9. Throughout the movie, John Q is told to "do something" to make things better. How do you think he felt about his powerlessness? Have you ever felt powerless in your life? What do you do when you feel powerless?
10. What important life lessons can be learned from this movie?