

## XTERRA CONSPIRACY - Reading Group Guide

In his first novel, XTERRA Conspiracy, Ivis Bo Davis draws a picture of the planet Earth in its final crisis. Events beyond man's power to solve threaten the existence of the planet. Mankind must send its children, and as many of the Earth species as possible on an interstellar voyage to a new planet. To prevent worldwide anarchy, an ultra-covert program is enacted to build six massive starships in hopes that mankind can seed the galaxy with colonies of humans.

Todd and Randy are young scientists selected for the first interstellar expedition. Their accidental discovery of a diabolical political conspiracy sets them on a lethal collision course with Earth's power elite.

They soon discover that wealth, intelligence, and determination aren't enough to survive... they'll need someone of greater power to watch their back.

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### QUESTIONS:

- 1) The storyline clearly states in XTERRA that the Earth is in jeopardy of destruction. Does such a threat exist today? What would be mankind's response to the threat?
- 2) Within the development of the story, certain individuals of immense financial and political power are revealed as unscrupulous monsters whose sole goal is power and control of human destiny. Did you find the scenario plausible? Is it possible for a tiny minority to gain enough financial and political power to control the future of mankind? Name any organization that might possess such power and discuss the means of obtaining the cooperation of world leaders.
- 3) If such persons do exist, would they be beneficent or motivated by selfish ambition?
- 4) Do you believe ruthlessness required to rule absolutely? Why or why not?
- 5) In the event of the Earth's coming demise, assuming that mankind could create interstellar ships to preserve the lives of people and the creatures of earth, would you want to be one of the people chosen to go on one of the ships? What would such ships be like? Why or Why not? What would be the emotional and spiritual challenges for those that were chosen
- 6) History shows us that those who rule intend that their children will rule after them. Does this speak of a conspiracy of power?

- 7) History also shows us that that every ruler and government has enemies who conspire against them. Is conspiracy wrong? Is it an essential balance to prevent dictatorial control?
- 8) Under what circumstance can you imagine people rising up to conspire against a world government? Would they be wrong to do so? At what point does conspiracy cease to be wrong and become essential to survival?
- 9) If interstellar colonization were attempted in the future, who do you think would control the colonies? Would they be independent of Earth politics? Would the colonists be justified in conspiring to break free of their absentee owners? In what case is a war for independence justified?
- 10) Would mankind live happily ever after in an interstellar colony or would division and strife follow them to the stars?
- 11) Assuming such a colony was launched, would they be national colonies launched by independent nations? Would they be privately or publicly funded? Would the creators resort to military means to preserve their power over human destiny?
- 12) Is there a God? Would He answer when His creation calls out to Him in their hour of need? Would He intervene to save their lives? If so, Why?