

Power Forward – Discussion Questions

General Questions:

Did you enjoy the book (or whatever part you read)? Why or why not?

Is the job of Personal Aide to the President a job you would want? What would be some of the benefits and some of the drawbacks?

What is one moment in history when you would have wanted to be Personal Aide to the President (any President in history)?

Reggie learned many important life lessons in the book – what do you think was the most important one to him? What was the most important lesson you learned from the book?

In-Depth Questions:

Reggie Love talks a lot about responsibility and being accountable for one's actions (like when he loses the President's briefcase). What are some examples of moments when you have had to take responsibility for something you did or had to "own" your mistakes?

Do you think participating in sports helped Reggie Love in his career with the President? In addition to traits such as competitiveness, ambition and being able to work as a team, what other personal characteristics do you think would be helpful in such a job?

Compare and contrast the lessons Reggie learned from Duke's Coach Krzyzewski and the lessons he learned from President Obama. How do you think Reggie's experiences with these leaders helped to build his character?

At one point Reggie talks about the importance of "anticipating the next play." What does he mean by that and how does he do that outside the sports arena? Why is staying a step ahead important when you are in school, playing sports or working in a job? Can you think of occasions where you have been one step ahead?

Reggie names many people besides President Obama who influenced his early life: his brother Richard, his parents, members of his church and his teammates. Who are the people that have most influenced your life *and* who would you someday like to influence or mentor?