

TOUGH TRAIL HOME

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are your experiences with nature? Would you have moved to the JF Ranch? Why or why not?
2. How do you cope with being out of your comfort zone? Learning new things? Do you fear failure?
3. Lisa contemplated money. “Sometimes she hated the thought of money; but you needed it. *And it does make me happy.*” What are your feelings about money? Do we ever have enough?
4. Have you ever lost a job? How did you feel? What are the stressors surrounding it? How do you believe it affected the Dunwhitty family dynamics?
5. Are you aware of your family’s history? Is it important to your sense of self? Why or why not?
6. Michael mistakenly believed his father was an uninterested parent rather than someone who was working to make ends meet. Should you share financial situations with children? If yes, then when?
7. Most friends are not forever. We—or they—move, drift away, or die. How do you make new friends and nurture the old ones?
8. Have you ever coped with difficult situations by avoiding taking action as Lisa did? Is there value in providing emotional distance before acting?
9. How would you have handled Andrew’s behavior?
10. Do you believe Lisa and Michael will be able to repair their relationship? Why or why not?