

**Discussion:**

1. What were the driving reasons for Nannie to give up her career to convert to Mormonism? Would you have given up what she had?
2. Is it truly a renouncement of faith for Louisa's family to stay in New York over the winter? Was Thales' reaction unreasonable? What was he trying to prove?
3. Why did Robert and Maud decide to make the trek against their friends' advice?
4. The Saints excommunicate a woman for adultery without a trial, which upsets some of the sisters. Is this a fair verdict? What does this show about how women are treated in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints?
5. Why does the Old Absalom oppose making the trek in the winter when he knows it is against the wishes of the other leaders? Is this indicative of cracks within the group?
6. Is it right for the other saints to profit from Emeline's father when the cart is overturned? Should their need supersede the Mormon value of respect for the grieving?
7. What effect do you think Emeline had on Ephraim? Would he have survived the journey without her?
8. Does Thales have a revelation after he causes his nephew Jimmy's death, or was the humility he shows always a part of his character?
9. What does Anne represent for the other Mormon women? Do they ultimately accept her?
10. At what point would your faith have been shaken?
11. Polygamy is a constant source of stress for the female characters in *True Sisters*, coming to a head when they arrive in Zion. Do you agree that it was the right decision for Andrew to offer to take Nannie as a second wife? Should she have accepted?
12. Have you ever heard of the Mormon handcart tragedy?
13. Do you feel that *True Sisters* gave you a good insight into what made Mormonism compelling to the converts? Did they make the right choice to leave their lives in the United Kingdom and make the pilgrimage to Zion?

