

Discussion Questions for *The Blind Side*

Some characters to watch for: Leigh Anne Tuohy, Michael Oher, Sean Tuohy, SJ Tuohy, Collins Tuohy, Coach Cotton, Mrs. Boswell, Miss Sue

1. To what extent is Leigh Anne a model of humility? To better examine this, identify sacrifices that Leigh Anne made for Michael during the movie.
2. Still, Leigh Anne seems pretty tough. She is controlling and insistent and accustomed to getting her way. Do these traits seem incompatible with humility? Stated differently, aren't humble people also gentle and patient and more carefree, rather than intense and demanding like Leigh Anne?
3. We are studying leadership. But Leigh Anne does not seem to have any title that would designate her as a leader. So why are we talking about her in this class?
4. How, if at all, do you see Leigh Anne change during the course of the movie, in particular with respect to empathy? What might that teach us about how to cultivate empathy and compassion for others?
5. What is the most important leadership lesson you could glean from this story?