



BETTER ATHLETES
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Discussion Guide: *Glory Road*

Glory Road, based on a true story, follows the historic Texas Miners (UTEP) 1966 basketball season, when they became the first team to win the National Championship with five black starters. The film includes themes of effective teamwork, overcoming adversity, rewarding effort and skill instead of color, the impact of sports on the world, and the difference between positive and negative coaching styles.

Take advantage of the teachable moments presented in *Glory Road* by using these questions to help guide a discussion with your team or children.

- 1.) What is Coach Haskins biggest challenge in coaching in general and what makes his job uniquely difficult at Texas Western? How does he overcome these challenges?
- 2.) Does Coach Haskins only care about winning or is it something bigger? Is this important?
- 3.) When Coach Haskins allows players to “play their way” why is the team more effective?
- 4.) When Coach compliments his players, like Bobby Joe Hill, on their efforts, how does this help?
- 5.) Does Coach Rupp of Kentucky respect the Mighty Miners before the final game? Does this impact Kentucky’s performance?
- 6.) Black players and white players alike are threatened throughout the film. Does this force the team apart or cause them to embrace a united front? Is this important?
- 7.) Each player on the team clearly plays a specific role as an individual, but how do they combine their efforts to succeed as a team?
- 8.) Overall, Coach Haskins yells at his players but is also very caring at times. Would you consider him a ‘positive’ coach or one who relies only on negative criticism? Is this important?

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