

Discussion Questions
for
Top of the World

Perry's apartment stinks, and it's covered in trash, beer cans, and bottles. Have you ever lived in that type of condition, or anything similar? If so, describe it.

Perry's hand shakes so bad that he needs help to open the beer. Have you ever had the shakes? How did you deal with it? Did it create problems or embarrassment? Did they calm down after getting some alcohol in you?

Have you ever asked for help, and then refused it when it arrived?

Why do the guys bring two beers along with them?

Perry's window is nailed shut. Do you identify with that type of isolation? Did you ever take any kind of action like that to shut out the outside world? What did that feel like?

Perry calls Danny a liar when he says he hasn't had a drink in twelve years. Do you ever doubt that people stay sober for a long time?

Why do you think that Danny leaves his couch during the 3rd period of a Rangers playoff game to come over to Perry's apartment?

Do you identify with Danny's feelings changing when he started drinking - going from feeling gawky to feeling like he was Joe Namath?

Have you ever thrown away a talent or an ability, like Danny did with his boxing?

Have you ever driven while seeing double? Or blacked out? What happened?

Do you identify with Danny's skating away from trouble? Or did you have other experiences?

Danny talks about becoming a son to his mom again, and having a wife and children who've never seen him drunk. Talk about repairing relationships, and building positive new ones.

Have you ever done anything like Danny did - been on a run when a parent got sick? Or been drunk at a funeral?

How did you feel when Perry took a drink from the bottle?

Explain what you get from the conversation between Danny and Jamel outside.

Why does Danny say it's more like a miracle?

What realization does Jamel have at the end?

Do you feel that type of freedom? Can you imagine feeling really free from the bottle?