

Discussion Questions for Seeds of Summer, book 2 in the Seasons of the Tallgrass series by Deborah Vogts:

1. When Seeds of Summer opens, Natalie has just lost the Miss Rodeo America pageant. How devastating do you think that was for her? How would have winning this title changed her life or affected the outcome of the story?
2. Natalie returns to her life on the Double-A Ranch to take care of the property as well as her younger siblings. How difficult was it for her to give up her future dreams in order to fulfill this responsibility? Have you ever faced a similar challenge?
3. Jared Logan first meets Dillon and Natalie at the river. What is his first impression of Natalie's family?
4. When Jared realizes that God has called him to help this family, how easy or difficult would it have been to walk away from the challenge, especially when Natalie and her sister are so resistant to his help? How might his relationship with this family interfere with his work in his church?
5. Natalie must also deal with her father's untimely death and their relationship leading up to his death. Though once close, she'd distanced herself from him and the family in an effort to build her own life. How much guilt did she feel when she realized how much time had been wasted? How might a family nurture and assist a member when it comes time to leave the "nest"?
6. Willard is a special friend to Natalie's family and becomes a good friend to Jared. He is willing to lend an ear or a hand whenever needed. What makes a good friend? Do you have a special friend (neighbor) you can call on when you have trouble?
7. Natalie's family is almost opposite Jared's in many ways. Why is it that opposites are often attracted to each other? List at least five opposite aspects for Natalie and Jared. What makes them a good couple?
8. When Jared realizes his love for Natalie, he is very careful about taking steps toward a future together. What might be involved with being a pastor's wife? What troubles might be in store for them in the future?
9. Jared seeks guidance from his dad who is also a pastor. How important is a father's advice to a child, no matter how old the child is? How is a father's guidance the same as your heavenly father's? Have you ever sought your father's advice as an adult? How comforting was it to have?
10. As the story unfolds, Natalie realizes there were many things about her father that she didn't know. How hard or easy is it to not know someone even though you live right

under the same roof with him? Is there someone you thought you knew but didn't? How did that affect you?

11. Libby's return to Diamond Falls puts a few wrenches in Natalie's life. How hard would it be to accept the return of a loved one who'd intentionally abandoned you and your family? Was Natalie's ability to forgive her stepmom believable? Why or why not?
12. Natalie's brother Dillon helps her to come to faith in Jesus. Why is it so much easier for a child to believe than for an adult? How did he help her understand? How can we be more "childlike" in our efforts to lead others to faith?