

Week Two

Conversations with People

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OPENING QUESTIONS

As a group, read the following scenarios. Pause no more than fifteen seconds between scenarios for participants to write their instinctive response on a scrap piece of paper. After completing, have participants share and explain their answers.

FIRST SCENARIO—THE COMPETITION

You work for a successful technology company. The company holds a competition to inspire greater performance in your department. You compete against the seventy-five other people across the country who hold a similar position to yourself.

First Option

The competition continues for three months, and at the end of the competition it is announced that you won. You are awarded \$6,000 and have gained the attention and respect of the entire company.

Second Option

The competition continues for three months, and at the end of the competition the results are posted and you came in fifteenth place. You are awarded \$12,000, but beyond the money, there is very little recognition for your work.

SECOND SCENARIO—THE SWITCH

You must switch places with a historical figure. You will be this person for the best three months of his or her life. Who would you prefer to be: Elvis Presley, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, or your very own grandmother. Why?

THIRD SCENARIO—THE SWITCH REVISED

You must switch places with a historical figure. You will be this person for his or her entire life. Who would you prefer to be: Elvis Presley, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, or your very own grandmother. Why?

FOURTH SCENARIO—THE VACATION

You are given an unlimited budget for either of the following two vacations. Which would you choose and why?

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The First Vacation

You will spend one month on a quiet but well-resourced island with close friends you enjoy. The water is blue and the beach is pristine. It is a beachfront cottage with a hammock, boat, and books.

The Second Vacation

You will spend one month traveling the world by private jet with close friends you enjoy. You can go to the most exotic and interesting places on the globe, but you cannot stay in any single place more than three days.

DEBRIEF QUESTION FOR SCENARIO RESPONSES

Week one's reading referenced Proverbs 4:23: "*Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.*" What do your responses to the scenarios just discussed reveal about your heart? What is it that you *truly* want? Why?

WEEK TWO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

▶ Morph Me

Which personalities did you identify with most (artist, athlete, music lover, etc.)?

How did your identified personality types influence your plan?

Spend time sharing your plans with each other.

▶ Conversations with God

How have your Conversations with God gone so far?

Have you engaged the Scripture memory yet? If yes, how has it been? If no, what's keeping you back?

As a group, open to Psalm 127 and read it aloud no less than three times. After reading it, discuss what you hear? How might God be speaking to you through this psalm?

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

- ▶ What has been most significant for you so far from this entire experience?

PRAYER

- ▶ As a Small Group, or in Running Partners, discuss the latest in your lives and pray for each other.

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