

FUTURE FANTASY

Pass out index cards and pencils, and have the group write three or four clues about a vocation they believe they might pursue in the next five or 10 years. The vocational possibilities listed should be serious. Make sure each person keeps his or her vocation and clues a secret. Once the cards are completed, collect and shuffle them thoroughly. (Clue example: Doctor—caring for others, writing messy.)

Next, pass out blank sheets of paper. Count out how many people are playing, and have them number on the paper from one up to that total. While they're numbering their papers, number the cards you've collected. When all the papers and cards are ready, read aloud the clues on the first card, and have everyone write down a guess about who that person is. Remind teens not to comment aloud on any of the cards or their responses. After you've read through all the clue cards, repeat any as needed for clarification.

Now go through the cards again with the person who wrote each one revealing him or herself. The results will be both fun and surprising.

Use the following questions, plus others of your own, for discussion:

What do you look forward to in the future?

What do you fear most about the future?

Read Matthew 6:25-34. Do you think God wants you to worry about the future? Why or why not?

What hope does God offer for your future?

What can you do to make your dreams come true?

Close with a prayer that your students' futures will be centered on God and his Word.