

## BAG OF QUESTIONS

STARTERS

**TIME** 10–30 minutes

### SUPPLIES

- › Resealable bag
- › Paper slips

**SET UP** Write questions to start conversations on slips of paper, and place them in a bag. For ideas, see “It’s All in the Questions” on page 216.

**NOTE** This activity works well for a single session, but also can be used as a kick off for multiple gatherings of the group. It allows players to explore multiple issues and clarify their values, beliefs, and opinions.

**THE GAME** Ask players to draw a paper slip from the bag. The person who draws the question can answer first and then invite others to share their thoughts and get a conversation going.

### GOING DEEPER

- › How does it feel to be put on the spot?
- › What strategies can you use to defuse the discomfort?
- › Did you find points in common with members of your group?
- › How does that change the way you feel about the group?
- › What are respectful ways to disagree with people who offer opinions you don’t share?

## TICKET TALK

**TIME** 20–30 minutes

### SUPPLIES

- › Roll of movie tickets
- › Bag of small candy treats

**THE GAME** Give participants at least three tickets from the roll (they can take up to 10). Then ask each person to tell the group something about himself or herself for each ticket they took. If you have an especially large group, you might limit the sharing to 5–6 tickets. Let players redeem their tickets for candy prizes.

### GOING DEEPER

- › Did you surprise yourself by sharing something you hadn’t talked about before?
- › What did you enjoy learning about others in your group?