

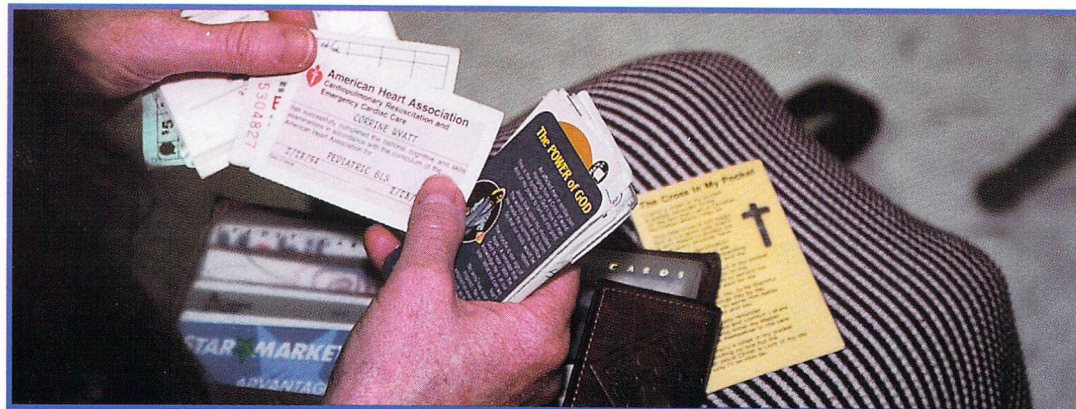
CONVERSATION STARTERS

WALLET SCAVENGER HUNT

Get together with one to three people and work on this exercise together. With your wallet or purse, use the set of questions below. This is run like a scavenger hunt. You get two minutes in silence to go through your possessions and think about your answers. Then you break the silence and “show-and-tell” what you have found. For instance, “The thing I have had for the longest time is ... this picture of me when I was a baby.” Now take two minutes in silence to find the items on this scavenger hunt list.

LIST OF ITEMS (finish the sentence):

1. The thing I have had for the LONGEST TIME is ...
2. The thing that has SENTIMENTAL VALUE is ...
3. The thing that reminds me of a FUN TIME is ...
4. The thing that causes me a lot of CONCERN is ...
5. The thing that means a lot to me because of the PERSON who gave it to me is ...



JOHN WESLEY QUESTIONNAIRE

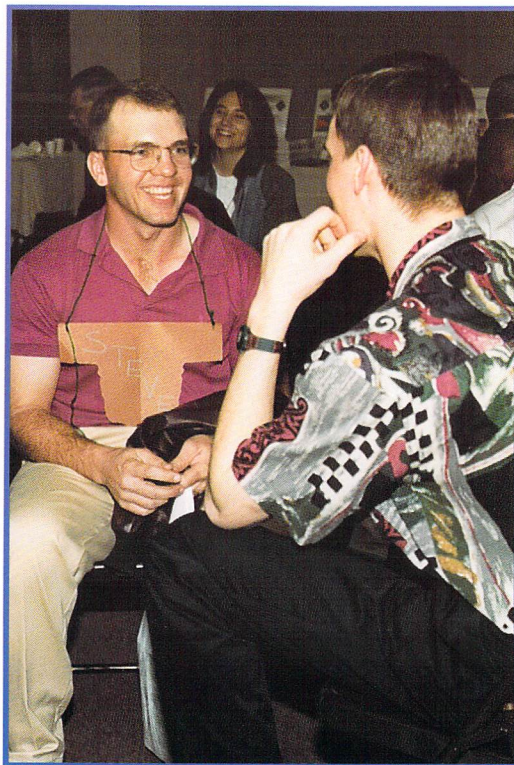
The founder of the Methodist Church, John Wesley, started the sharing at the weekly class meeting with the question: “How is it with your soul?” How would *you* answer? Try describing your spiritual condition right now in one of the following ways.

1. Choose a COLOR and explain. (*For instance, you might say, “I feel bright orange, because I know God took care of the details for my getting here—and I’m thankful!”*)
2. Choose a WEATHER CONDITION and explain. (*You might say, “I feel cloudy, because I’ve got a problem I just can’t cope with.”*)
3. Choose a number from 1 to 10. Assume that “1” is the lowest you could possibly feel and that “10” is the highest. (*“I feel like a 7 today because ...”*)

REMINISCING CHOICES

Choose one of the four experiences below and complete the sentence. Include interesting anecdotes or significant lessons you learned from the experience.

1. The first time I tried to swim ...
2. The first time I tried to dance ...
3. The first time I tried to smoke ...
4. The first time I tried to play hooky ...



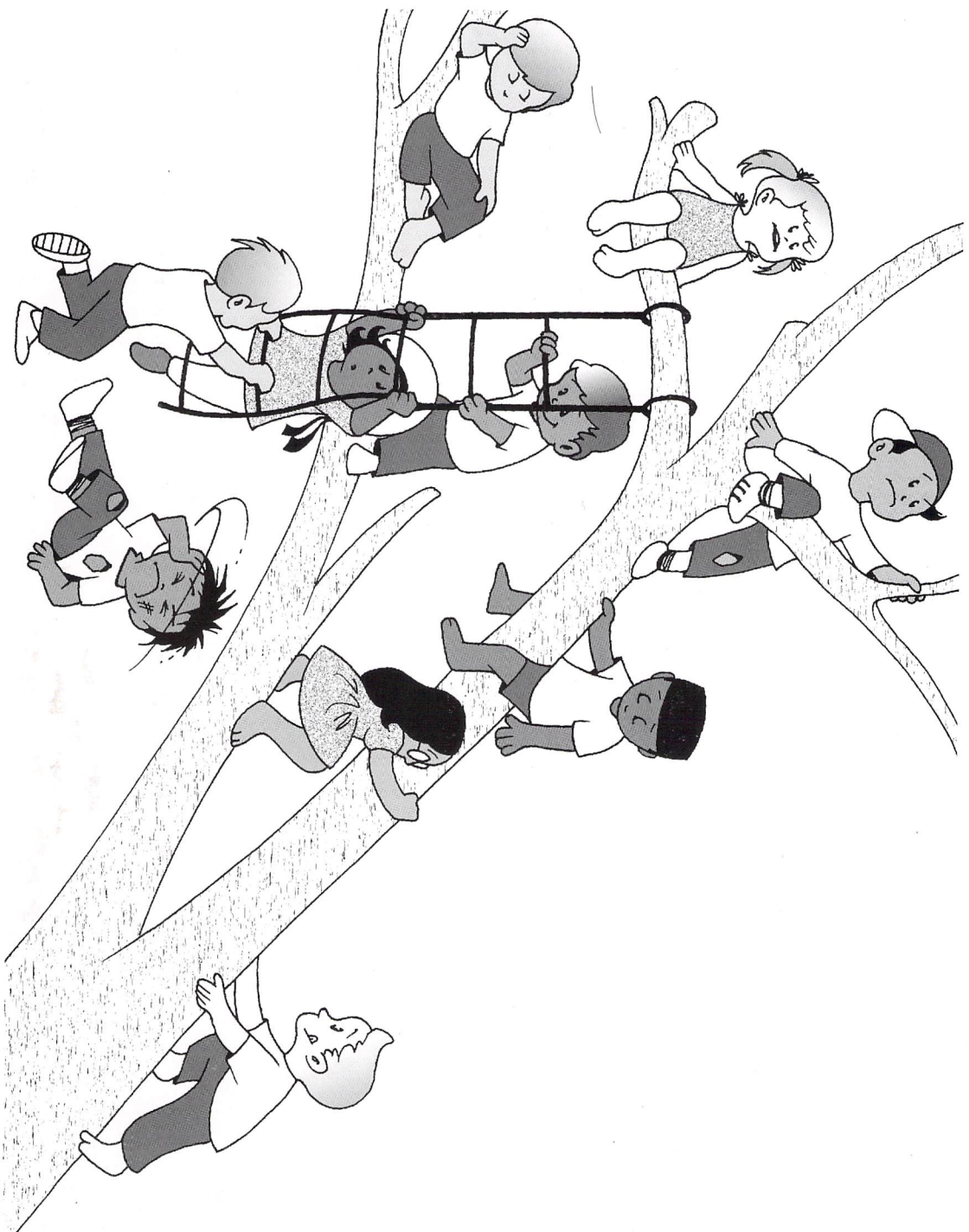
WARM MEMORIES

Get together with one to three others. Each of you answer the first question. Then, go around and take turns answering each of the other questions.

1. Where were you living between the ages of 7 and 12, and what was your favorite thing to do on a warm summer day?
2. What is the worst storm you can remember? Where was your favorite place to hide during bad storms?
3. What was the center of warmth in your life when you were a child? (It could be a place in the house, a time of year, a person, etc.)
4. When did God become a "warm" person to you, and how did that happen?

FIND YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE

In this drawing, which child do you identify with—or which one best portrays you right now? Share with your group which child you would choose and why. You can also use this as an affirmation exercise, by assigning each person in your group to a child in the picture.



OLD-FASHIONED AUCTION

Just like an old-fashioned farm auction, conduct an out loud auction in your group—starting each item at \$50. Everybody starts out with \$1,000 and you have to bid something on every item. **SELECT AN AUCTIONEER** by deciding the person in your group who most resembles a used-car dealer. This person can also get in on the bidding. Remember, start the bidding on each item at \$50. Then, write the winning bid in the left column and the winner's name in the right column. Remember, you only have \$1,000 to spend for the whole game. **AUCTIONEER:** Start off by asking, "Who will give me \$50 for a 1965 red MG convertible?" ... and keep going until you have a winner. Have fun!

YOUR BID

- \$ _____ 1965 red MG convertible in perfect condition
- \$ _____ Winter vacation in Hawaii for two
- \$ _____ Two Super Bowl tickets on the 50-yard line
- \$ _____ Three months of skydiving lessons
- \$ _____ Nightly back massage for one year
- \$ _____ Holy Land tour hosted by your favorite Christian leader
- \$ _____ Season pass to ski resort of my choice
- \$ _____ Two months off to do anything I want, with pay
- \$ _____ Home theater with surround sound
- \$ _____ A chance at a role in a major motion picture
- \$ _____ Breakfast in bed for three months
- \$ _____ Two front-row tickets at the concert of my choice
- \$ _____ Two-week Caribbean cruise with spouse in honeymoon suite
- \$ _____ A week of golf lessons with Tiger Woods
- \$ _____ Shopping spree at Saks Fifth Avenue
- \$ _____ A deluxe Sea-Doo jet ski
- \$ _____ Six months of maid service
- \$ _____ All-expense-paid family vacation to Disney World
- \$ _____ One year of no hassles with my kids/parents

WINNER

