

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF . . . ?

TIME 30–90 minutes

SAFETY NOTE Some of the scenarios in this game may call for participants to step out of their comfort zones to defend or help people in awkward situations. Ask participants: How comfortable are you in taking a stand for the good of others?

THE GAME Divide the group into teams of 3–4. Ask small teams to discuss the following scenarios and decide what they would do in each situation. You may choose to add your own scenarios; use as many as time allows. You may want to hold a large group discussion and have each team summarize their discussions and solutions.

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- ▶ *One of your friends called you for advice because he went to a party instead of to the movies, as he had told his parents? At the party, people are drinking beer and the driver who has planned to give rides home is drunk. All are scared to ride in the car and want to call their parents, but don't want their parents to be angry about their presence at the party or drinking alcohol.*
- ▶ *A friend asks you to cheat on her behalf? The class divides into groups for a group project and each student is required to rate the work and effort of each person in the group. The evaluation will play a large part in the group's overall grade. Your good friend, who did little work on the project, asks you to give her a good evaluation because the project counts as two test grades.*
- ▶ *You'd like to go out with someone your best friend also likes? Your best friend wants to ask out someone you are also interested in. The person becomes available.*
- ▶ *A cashier miscounts the money you've handed him and gives you back \$20 more than what is owed to you? Both you and your friend realize the mistake immediately.*
- ▶ *You'd planned for weeks to attend a big party and realize that it's the same night as your dad's birthday dinner? Your family has made reservations to celebrate with your uncle and aunt, who are invited from out of town to join in the celebration. Your mom leaves the decision up to you.*

GOING DEEPER

- ▶ What values do you call on to help you make decisions?
- ▶ Is it important to have a core set of values to guide how you make difficult decisions? Why or why not?
- ▶ How important is it to you to be a person of responsibility and integrity? To be caring or known for honesty?
- ▶ Have you encountered any situations like these in your own life? If yes, how did you deal with them, or how do you wish you had dealt with them?
- ▶ What causes or groups of people do you defend?