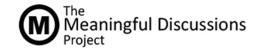
The Scarcity of Wisdom

(Discussion Questions for Facilitators)



You are encouraged to think of this discussion like a game. The goal of the game is for the people at your table (including you) to collectively explore this topic with the help of some thought-provoking questions. Each player in this game provides their contributions based on their unique perspectives. This game lasts for 90 minutes and there are only two rules — one person talking at a time and respect between participants. Cell phones should be turned off (or on vibrate) so they don't distract from the discussion.

A SIMPLE TIP: If someone at your table is talking for a while (i.e. more than a minute or so) and they've already made their point, simply raise your hand, apologize for interjecting, and suggest that it might be good to hear from others on this question or move on to the next question. Long stories should be saved until after the 90 minute point for those who want to hear them. Just remember: most people who talk a lot are very aware that they talk a lot, and they don't mind other people interjecting when it's done in a respectful manner. Don't forget to include yourself as an equal contributor to the discussion.

Warm-up questions: 1 to 4 (help to establish humility, trust and vulnerability in the group)

Main questions: 5 to 9



Okay, let's get started

Was there one or two food for thought videos which were particularly interesting to you?

(After this question, anyone can answer in any order)

(Defining Wisdom)

How would you define what it means to be a wise person? What's the criteria or qualities involved?

(Importance)

What's so special about wisdom, and why isn't it just good enough to focus on being happy and if possible, helping others?

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(How rare is it?)
Do you believe that there is a scarcity of wisdom in society? If yes, why do you believe this is the case?

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On a scale of 1 to 10, how wise would you say that you are, and why?

(Self-assessment)

(Wisdom from Adversity)

Have you gained wisdom as a result of an incident or challenging period in your life?

(Opportunities for Wisdom)

From your experience, what can someone do to become more wise?

(Role Models)

a) Who in your
 opinion are the wisest
 leaders currently
 living today, and why?

b) Who are the wisest people that you personally know and why are they wise? (The Big Picture)

What can we do as a society to help recognize, encourage, cultivate and value wisdom? 10 90 min

What **constructive feedback** do you have for the facilitator?

AFTER 90 MINUTES -

Feel free to stick around as long as you like. If there are multiple tables for this event then you are encouraged to ask for **three volunteers** to swap from each table in order to allow more people to meet. Conversations are no longer limited to the topic.

MORE INFORMATION

- it is very important that facilitators make every effort to arrive on time
- if you're not sure how long it takes to get to the event, please aim to arrive a bit early just in case

Arrival of Attendees:

- when two or more tables are involved, a designated greeter will guide people to the various tables as they
 arrive
- each facilitator will have 5-7 people (including themselves) at their specific table at the venue
- introduce yourself and welcome others to the event

Structured Portion of the Evening:

- once 5 or 6 people have arrived at your table then your collective discussion can now begin
- don't forget to include yourself as a contributor to the group; not just a facilitator
- the official duration for the facilitated portion of the discussion is 90 minutes so people have an excuse to leave at that time if they want or stay, change tables, and mingle
- have fun! ☺

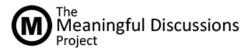
Small Request:

• please make sure to let me know of anyone who is disrespectful to any members of the group, or whom you feel does not belong in the group for whatever reason (life is too short to put up with any bad apples in this group)

Lastly - <u>thank you</u> for taking the time to be a facilitator for this group! It's people like you that allows for us to manage a room full of strangers who are interested in meaningful discussions within a safe and supportive atmosphere; and of course, the best case is when these strangers turn into friends.

Sincerely,

Glen Brauer Founder, Facilitator & Event Coordinator



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