

EXPONENTIAL

Faces

CHALLENGE (GOAL, OBJECTIVE):

To engage in conversation, learn about others and find similarities.

GROUP SIZE: 20- 40 per facilitator

TIME: 30 minutes

EQUIPMENT: None

PROCEDURE AND RULES:

Each participant finds a partner (if there is an uneven number then one group may have three members). Partners find something that they have in common. After each pair has found something they have in common, they seek another pair and create a group of four. Each group of four now finds something that they all have in common, which is different from either of the two original discoveries made in their pairs. When each set of four has found something similar, each group of four seeks out another group of four and they form a group of eight. This group of eight finds something that all of them have in common that is unique to the previous similarities. This pattern is repeated until the whole group is together seeking one thing they all have in common that is unique from all their other discoveries.

DISCUSSION /DEBRIEF:

We have more in common than we think; we have merely to observe and inquire. The better you know people, the easier it is to discover shared characteristics, beliefs, values, ideas, and experiences. Sometimes our similarities are not highly visible and so we unnecessarily see ourselves as different.

- What results from discovering similarities? What thoughts and feelings about relationships surfaced for you?
- How do our relationships change when we experience others as more like us than different?
- How did you discover the things you had in common?
- Did anything unusual occur? Any insight you had during the activity that you can transfer into daily living?