

Shared Values Exploration

Time for this module is approximately 40 minutes, depending on how the session is facilitated.

✓ PREPARATION

- ▶ Complete Module 1, [Introduction/Space Setting](#) which is approximately 20 minutes, depending on how the session is facilitated
- ▶ Print one copy of the Shared Values BINGO worksheet for each participant
- ▶ Provide a writing utensil for each participant

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- ▶ Articulate one's worldview and find shared values with others in the session
- ▶ Connect and build relationships across lines of religious difference

➔ WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Tell participants: Interfaith cooperation begins with an important step — relationship building. For us to be able to lead conversations about worldview, we must first explore our own worldviews and seek to understand others.

Research tell us that building relationships across religious difference is transformative in opening up appreciative attitudes towards others. Robert Putnam and David Campbell's research in American Grace tells us that when you build a relationship with someone of a different worldview identity, you develop greater appreciation towards that particular identity as well as for other diverse worldview identities. Our goal in this activity is to lean into the possible discomfort of discussing worldview and interfaith cooperation, actively engage in conversation, remain curious about your own and others' worldviews and find shared values between each other. This is a great relationship development activity, which also provides an opportunity to learn more about each other.

📖 BRIEF DEFINITIONS

- ▶ [Module 2](#) (This session is approximately 10 minutes, depending on how it is facilitated)
- ▶ Distribute the [Glossary of Terms](#) handout

Tell participants: A clear understanding of terms is essential when discussing identity and worldview. The activity we are going to partake in today has one term I would like to define before we get started. Although there are many terms on the handout I am passing out, for today's activity we will focus in on the term, interfaith.

- ▶ **Interfaith:** This term is best understood by separating it into two parts, "inter" and "faith... Put together, "interfaith" is about how our interactions with those who are religiously, spiritually, and secularly different from us impacts the way we relate to our religious and ethical traditions, and how our relationships with our own traditions impact our interactions with those who hold various worldviews.²

Please let me know if you have any questions.

SHARED VALUES BINGO (20 minutes)

Tell participants: Each of you has a handout mirroring the game BINGO. You will notice there are 5 rows and 5 columns forming 20 boxes. Although the worksheet mirrors the game BINGO, the goals here are different.

Each box has a unique question for you to explore- you can begin anywhere. As a reminder, the goal is not to fill-in or complete the worksheet, but to participate in the activity, learn from one another, and find commonalities and differences.

Remind participants of the [community agreements](#). These agreements are essential for everyone to feel safe and comfortable participating in this activity.

- ▶ Use "I" statements (speak from your own experience, not on behalf of your entire tradition)
- ▶ You're here for dialogue not debate
- ▶ Show respect for your fellow participants

DEBRIEF (10 minutes)

Ask participants:

- ▶ How did participating in this activity feel for you? Were you uncomfortable? Was it easy to share? Why?
- ▶ What did you learn about yourself?
- ▶ What surprised you?
- ▶ Was it easy to identify shared values with your conversation partners? Why or why not?
- ▶ What was your biggest take-away from this activity?

Tell participants: Thank you so much for your participation today! I will be sending a follow-up email that includes a link to a survey so you can provide feedback about your experience and how this workshop could be strengthened in the future. We really appreciate your input, so thank you for your time in advance. I'll also include some follow-up resources to support your continued engagement with worldview identity. Lastly, please don't hesitate to be in touch and consider me a thought partner for incorporating worldview into your daily work. Thanks again!

¹ Patel, E. (2017). *Interfaith leadership: A Primer*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press).