

CHALLENGE SHEET: Meeting 1

The First Large Group Gathering

Meeting One (Large Group): the Challenge of Faith

Our first meeting evolved around a movie called *INSTINCT*, starring Anthony Hopkins as a zoologist who goes to jail for killing gorilla hunters in the rain forest of a foreign country. He is sent to a jail for the criminally insane where an odd event occurs in the daily lives of the inmates. Each person is given a playing card (like a five of clubs) before free-time in the prison gym. Whoever has the *ace of diamonds* gets a special privilege. There is a problem, however, that makes it difficult to obtain and unfair.

Your Assignment:

Rent the movie *INSTINCT*. On a blank piece of paper draw an ace of diamonds, just like a playing card. Watch the three scenes that involve the ace of diamonds. Write in track numbers when you are done.

Watch scene number ____ .

Answer the following questions somewhere on your *ace of diamonds*:

1. What kind of struggle is taking place? Fill in the blank if you can... It's a struggle between the _____ vs. the _____ .
2. What kind of struggles of faith do we see in the world? In our community? In ourselves?

Watch scene number ____ .

Answer the following questions somewhere else on your *ace of diamonds*:

1. What cliché describes this event? Finish this sentence if you can..."The _____ they are, the _____ they fall!"
2. Was the problem solved? Why or why not?
3. Do you respond to conflicts with faith? Or action? Or both? Why?
4. How do you usually react to difficult situation? Why?

Watch scene number ____ .

Answer the following questions somewhere else on your *ace of diamonds*:

1. What kind of figure does the guy holding up the names represent? Why?
2. How does God call us to think differently about how we live our lives and solve our conflicts?
3. What does integrity have to do with the three scenes you watched? Explain.