

Small Group Movie Session

Featuring: **The Bucket List**

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Opening

Check-in

Focus/Topic:

In the movie **The Bucket List** billionaire Edward Cole, played by [Jack Nicholson](#), and trivia wise mechanic Carter Chambers, played by [Morgan Freeman](#), befriend each other in the hospital as they discover they each have only six months to a year to live. After Edward finds a list of things Carter wants to do before he kick's the bucket, his bucket list, Edward offers to finance the adventure of a lifetime. Leaving Carter's wife and grown children behind, the two head off to tackle a joint bucket list...



There are many views of what happens after we die. Despite any differences we have in what comes next, there is no question that we are faced with same challenge – making the most of this lifetime.

Activity

Using a sheet of paper or copies of the attached "Bucket List" worksheet, take about ten minutes to imagine you were in the position of Carter Chambers and make your own bucket list. Here's the situation. You have six months to a year to live and a new billionaire friend who will pay for whatever the two of you want to do. Brainstorm – you can list as many things as you'd like. Give each person a chance to share their list, at least the highlights, before moving on.

Discussion

In this movie the two main characters are in a unique situation – they know when they will die, more or less, and they have the means to live their final days as they wish. Most of us will not know when we are going to die, not to mention the billions to play with!

1. During the movie Carter quotes a study with 1000 participants that asked "If you could know the exact moment of your death, would you want to know?" If it was possible to find this information out, would you want to know?
2. Would knowing when you are going to die change how you live your life? If so, in what way.
3. Making a bucket list brings attention to our mortality. Some might say this is depressing. Others might say that being aware of how fleeting life is helps us make the most of it. Not knowing when you will die, if you were to make a bucket list for the remainder of your lifetime, what would some of the top items be?

Likes & Wishes / Group Process Check

Closing

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~~The~~ MY Bucket List

Imagine you're in the position of the character Carter Chambers from the movie [The Bucket List](#). You have six months to a year to live and a new billionaire friend paying for whatever the two of you want to do. Make your version of a bucket list for this specific situation. Later on, if you want, you can make one for your real life situation. What have you always dreamed of doing that you would do if you found yourself in Carter's shoes?