



Every Change Changes Everything

What aspect(s) of the Transformational Model this activity helps illustrate: Systems Thinking

Materials needed: List of events

Minimum number of participants required: N/A

Time needed: at least 20 minutes

Instructions:

1. Ask the group to form teams of 2-3 people.
2. Explain that you will be calling out an event and the small groups are to determine at least five things that were changed/affected by that event. When a group has a list of five written down, they must all stand and wait until you call on them to share their answers.
3. You are the judge. If you think they missed the mark, say so and continue until a group gets five correct responses. If they have identified at least five, go to the next event.
4. Continue play until several groups have had an opportunity to speak.

Debriefing suggestions:

After debriefing the experience for what happened and insights gained, ask what if the list of events were from an individual church's history. How would that affect "play"?

Events from history (feel free to add others):

1945 -- Victory in Europe and Japan

1955 -- Rosa Parks refuses to move to the back of the bus

1960 -- Birth control pill introduced

1972 -- Atari introduces the game Pong

1957 -- Medical association links smoking with lung cancer

1969 -- First man walks on the moon

1954 -- First McDonald's restaurant opens

1963 -- Kennedy is assassinated

1962 -- Beatles make their debut

1971 -- First VCR invented

1973 -- Watergate scandal breaks in Washington

1975 -- First personal computer is marketed

1979 -- Iran holds 66 Americans hostage

1981 -- AIDS identified

1982 -- First artificial heart put into a human

1992 -- The L.A. Riots

1999 -- Shooting at Columbine High School

2000 -- Presidential election and Florida recount

2001 -- September 11 attacks

2002 -- Enron falls

2003 -- War with Iraq