

Worst-Case Scenario

Consider each of the following worst-case scenarios. For each scenario, work with your group to develop a response to each scenario.

1. You are being chased through a jungle ... by a wild gorilla.
2. You are crossing a rushing river ... in a barrel.
3. You are eating honey ... and encounter a grizzly bear.
4. You are swimming in the ocean ... and spot a shark fin.
5. You are camping ... and get caught in a snowstorm.
6. You are baking a cake ... and use salt instead of sugar.
7. You are giving an important speech ... and you have continuous hiccups.
8. You are exhausted ... and discover bedbugs have infested your bed.

Responses and Reactions

In a minute or less, circle your most likely response to each scenario. Discuss your conclusions with your small group.

1. Your boss informs you that you cannot talk about Jesus at work.
 - a. You comply without trouble.
 - b. You challenge your boss, asking why.
 - c. You tell your boss that you cannot promise to do this.
 - d. You talk about Jesus anyway.
2. A coworker criticizes you for praying at lunch.
 - a. You shrug it off and ignore it.
 - b. You converse with the coworker regarding the importance of prayer.
 - c. You stop praying from that point forward.
 - d. You pray louder at your next lunch.
3. A friend says that she no longer attends church because of the hypocritical behavior of some Christians.
 - a. You say that Christians are the worst.
 - b. You listen carefully to her experiences.
 - c. You explain why she is wrong.
 - d. You talk about how Jesus never spoke or acted hypocritically.
4. A neighbor complains that you went door-to-door to invite people to Easter services.
 - a. You invite the neighbor over and apologize.
 - b. You tell the neighbor that everyone should attend church on Easter.
 - c. You ignore the neighbor.
 - d. You go door-to-door again, making sure that everyone receives an invitation.
5. A colleague tells you that the Bible is corrupt and cannot be trusted.
 - a. You stay quiet to avoid confrontation.
 - b. You ask for an explanation.
 - c. You point out all the Bible verses that prove it isn't corrupt.
 - d. You say, "No, it isn't!"