Discussion Ideas

Choose strategies from the list below to facilitate group discussion.

Connecting Activity

Ask each person to share one hope or desire, big or small, that he or she has for the future.

Discussion Questions

1. Which characters do you think will achieve their dreams? Why?
   - *Riziki and Bahati choose to work to achieve their dreams.*

2. What challenges do Riziki and Bahati face as they go after their dreams? How can they overcome these challenges?
   - *They are pressured to give up or take short cuts; they can stay in school, work hard.*

3. What do you think will happen to Chokoza? Why?
   - *He will probably come to a bad end; he lacks character, excellence, hard work.*

4. ▶What does it mean to do something with excellence? How can doing your best help you achieve your dreams?
   - *To do something to the best of your ability; you must work hard, do your best to reach your dreams.*

5. ▶What kinds of choices can help you reach your dreams?
   - *The choice to work hard; follow God; commit to excellence; stay in school; avoid drugs, alcohol, sex.*

6. What kinds of choices would delay or stop you from reaching your dreams?
   - *Dropping out of school; dishonesty; drugs, alcohol; pregnancy, etc.*

Personal Growth Activity

Encourage group members to share one of their dreams with a close friend or family member.

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Spiritual Application

Read Jeremiah 29:11. Ask the group for their thoughts on what the verse means and how it might apply to their lives.

Prayer Point

Ask God to help each person know the hope and plans he has for them. Pray for hope and courage to identitfy and work toward their dreams.

Encouragement

Remind the group that everyone can have a dream. Consider sharing a quick story about someone you know who reached their dreams. You may want to read a few lines from Grandma's Wisdom to close.

Grandma's Wisdom

What do you dream of being when you grow up? I want you to dream as big as you can. Maybe you want to be a teacher or a doctor or work with machines. Maybe you want to have a family. It takes courage to act on our dreams. And it is going to take a lot of hard work. You may be tempted to take the easy way, like Chokoza. But don't be fooled! The best things in life come to those who work for them. Whatever your dream is, work towards becoming the best you can be. Dream your dream, and remember to respect the dreams of others too!