

CHAPTER ONE

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice-Breaker:

What are a few things that you are good at? Can you share a funny story about something you are not so good at?

Group Questions:

- Chapter One of *200 Pomegranates and an Audience of One* talks a lot about the difference between “Big G” Great and “Little g” great. Have you ever found yourself getting great at the wrong things?
- How did you figure out that you were focusing too much on a “little g” pursuit?
- Of all the things you work at during a week, which of those do you feel has the most influence on others? Which of those do you have to manufacture energy to accomplish?

My Next Step:

How can you narrow the focus of your life to pursue the things that will have the most influence? What would it take to be “Great” at that one thing?

Memory Verse:

“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:26-28 NIV



CHAPTER TWO

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice-Breaker:

What's the worst thing you have ever procrastinated about doing (paying a bill, getting a marriage license, saying "absolutely not" when asked "does this dress make me look fat?")

Group Questions:

- Chapter Two reminds us that we have to take action, but often find ourselves paralyzed, stuck in a holding pattern. In what ways do you feel like you are in a "holding pattern" in your life?
- What is preventing you from taking action? procrastination? perfectionism? fear? laziness? How have you overcome some of these areas in the past?
- What would you do if you won ten million dollars and didn't have to work for a living? Did you just describe your current life?
- What is something you could do toward this goal starting today? (Sans "win the lottery")

My Next Step:

What is an area of action that you have been putting off? What can you do THIS WEEK to move forward at least a little in that area?



Memory Verse:

"Don't put it off ; do it now!
Don't rest until you do."
Proverbs 6:4 NLT

CHAPTER THREE

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice-Breaker:

The book talked a little about two year olds. When was the last time you acted like a two year old...or maybe the last time “your friend” did?

Group Questions:

- Chapter Three of *200 Pomegranates and an Audience of One* is a hard-hitting reminder that we all have a tendency towards selfishness. Why do you think that is?
- How does pride and selfishness keep you from truly investing in others?
- What might you need to sacrifice in order to put others before yourself?
- We will all die one day. Given that fact, who comes to mind in your life that will be different because you lived?

My Next Step:

What opportunities do you have in front of you to be self-serving? What is one way your group can serve the church or community this month?

Memory Verse:

“Submit yourselves then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.”

James 4:6-7a NIV



CHAPTER FOUR

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice-Breaker:

Confession time. Have you ever done a poor job at something you knew no one would ever see (think painting behind the bathroom mirror) The brave among us: confess!

Group Questions:

- Chapter Four of *200 Pomegranates and an Audience of One* brings the title of book into light as we see how Hiram did his best work for an audience of one. In this chapter, Shawn talks about the “long view.” Can you think of a situation where you have seen the long view? How about the “me” view?
- Every day we have opportunities to serve others in ways that only God will see. Are there actions in your life that have seemed to go unnoticed that could actually be seen as worship toward God?
- Do you think that there parts of your life that you are intentionally living at seven feet, hoping to be noticed and appreciated by people?

My Next Step:

How can you have a better vision for your life--one that looks for opportunities to serve without notice?

Memory Verse:

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

Colossians 3:23 NIV



CHAPTER FIVE

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice-Breaker:

Name one thing that has been left unfinished at your house. Maybe a remodeling project, a load of laundry, or perhaps a great book called *200 Pomegranates and an Audience of One*?

Group Questions:

- Chapter Five talks about finishing well. The Bible closes Hiram's story with a simple but amazing statement: he finished what he started. Would the people who know you use the words, "s/he finishes what they start" to describe you?
- Imagining your own funeral, what do you hope people could say about how you lived your life? Are you living that way today?
- Who are the people whose opinion of how you finish really matters to you?
- What are a few areas in which you think God really wants all of us to finish well?

My Next Step:

Each one of us has at least one loop we could close with one small action. Think about one project you will finish this week, and do it greatly, as unto an audience of one.



Memory Verse:

"So the work on the pillars was finished."

1 Kings 7:22 NLT