

SOUL SOUP COMMUNITY: WIZARD OF OZ THEME

As people enter, the Pipe Cleaner Questions are designed to begin taking the conversations a little deeper from the beginning. As these are related to a Wizard of Oz theme, they do rely upon people being familiar with the movie or book. Assign colors to the questions based upon preference or just what colors you may have on hand. When people identify with their question, they should figure out how they would like to wear the pipe cleaner.

PIPE CLEANER QUESTIONS:

- Are you in Kansas but see a tornado coming?
- Are you in a tornado?
- Are you seeking for more courage?
- Did you lose heart like the Tin man?
- Have you seen the wizard?

DINNER DISCUSSION QUOTES

We printed these out and placed them under everyone's napkins. During dinner, we took turn answering the questions.

"You, my friend, are a victim of disorganized thinking. You are under the unfortunate impression that just because you run away you have no courage; you're confusing courage with wisdom."

--The Wizard

Do you tend to "run away" because of a lack of courage or on behalf of wisdom? Give a recent example.

"Hearts will never be practical until they can be made unbreakable."

-- The Wizard

**In what context is it tempting to wish your heart was unbreakable?
Where in your own life are you seeing practicality taking the place of vulnerability?**

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"Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore. We must be over the rainbow!"
-Dorothy

What expectations or assumptions do you have about new situations?

"A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others."
--The Wizard

Do you tend to measure your heart by how much you give or by how much you receive? In your opinion, why does this matter?

"Courage! What makes a king out of a slave? Courage! What makes the flag on the mast to wave? Courage!"
-- Cowardly Lion

In what area of your life could you use more courage? What would it look like if you had it?

"A place where there isn't any trouble. Do you suppose there is such a place, Toto?"
-- Dorothy

What is the advantage of 'trouble'? Where are you facing it? Do you have a strategy, over, under, around, or through?

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"You are talking to a man who has laughed in the face of death, sneered at doom and chuckled at catastrophe! I was petrified."

-- The Wizard

What have you done scared recently? What is in front of you that petrifies you? And what is your plan?

"You don't need to be helped any longer. You've always had the power to go back to Kansas."

-- Glinda

What is the help you have been seeking? What would it look like if you had it?

If you were really great and powerful, you'd keep your promises!

- Dorothy

Who did you give your power to? How did they live up to it...or not?

And I'm not gonna leave here ever, ever again, because I love you all, and - oh, Auntie Em - there's no place like home!

-- Dorothy

What does 'going back' look like? What does going forward look like? Where is home? What does it mean to never leave again?
