

Fish Bowl Scenario



Scenario:

Your commuter plane has crashed in the desert. You are the only survivors. You have traveled on foot for 2 days without rescue. The only nutritional resource you have left is one 12 oz bottle of water. If one of you drinks the water, that person can hike to civilization, hopefully find help, and begin a rescue. The survival odds for the person who drinks the water and goes for help are 80%, the survival odds for those who remain are 20%, at best. However, you are certain of only one thing: there is only enough water for one person. If you share the water, you will all perish. Your decision: who gets the water? You have 10 minutes to decide. Good luck and begin.

Debrief:

What was your group's decision?

How did your group reach that decision?

How do you believe you performed as a group?

Did your group have a leader? If so, how were they chosen?

Did anyone feel they (or someone else) had an idea or opinion that went unheard / unacknowledged by the group?

There is no absolute right or wrong answer to this scenario. The final solution is of little importance to us. We use this to see how you work in a group problem solving setting - how do you respond to others suggestions? Can you contribute to a discussion with both input and stepping back? Can you follow as well as lead? Well done and thank you for participating.