THINK AGAIN Discussion Guide

Individual Rethinking

- 1. What's an assumption that you've been rethinking lately?
- 2. Are you most likely to slip into preacher, prosecutor, or politician mode? What steps can you take to think more like a scientist?
- 3. How much rethinking is too much? When should you trust your intuition vs. test your intuition?
- 4. How do you avoid getting stuck on Mount Stupid? If you were making an "ignorance list" of things you don't know, what would be on it?
- 5. Have you ever experienced benefits of impostor thoughts? What strategies do you use to question your knowledge while maintaining confidence in yourself?
- 6. What forecasts about the future are you making, and how can you stay open to rethinking them?
- 7. How do you embrace the joy of being wrong?
- 8. Who's in your challenge network? How can you make sure your most thoughtful critics are comfortable being honest with you?
- 9. What have you learned about fostering task conflict without causing relationship conflict?
- 10. If you were rewriting this book, what would you rethink?

Interpersonal Rethinking

- 11. What are your favorite ways to find common ground across differences?
- 12. In a heated debate, what questions have you found helpful for opening others' minds?
- 13. How do you avoid diluting your arguments and stay focused on your few strongest points?
- 14. When people say "let's agree to disagree," how do you learn to handle it differently next time?
- 15. What stereotypes were part of your upbringing? How might your views be different if you'd been born a different race, raised in a different country, or lived in a different century?
- 16. Who's someone you normally have a hard time hearing? What would happen if you sat down with them just to listen and try to understand their views better?
- 17. In motivational interviewing, how can you stay focused on guiding others toward achieving goals, rather than trying to advance your agenda?
- 18. When giving advice, how do you reinforce the other person's freedom of choice?
- 19. What's a topic that's stuck in binary bias and is begging to be complexified?
- 20. When talking about contentious issues, how can you expand the emotional range of the dialogue?

Collective Rethinking

- 21. How can schools do a better job teaching kids to think again?
- 22. Do you have myth-busting discussions or other family dinner routines for rethinking?
- 23. At work, what have you seen leaders and managers do to create the psychological safety for people to think again?
- 24. What does it take to build a learning culture, not just a performance culture?
- 25. What "best practices" should we rethink?
- 26. What images of who you wanted to be have weighed you down, and how have you let go of them?
- 27. How do you avoid escalation of commitment to a losing course of action?
- 28. Have you tried a career checkup—or a relationship checkup? What did you learn about how your goals and identities have evolved?
- 29. How can we change the cultural narrative about rethinking? Can you imagine a world in which saying "I don't know" is seen as a mark of confident humility instead of ignorance and "I was wrong" is viewed as an act of integrity rather than an admission of incompetence?
- 30. How do you pronounce mayonnaise?

