

# CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### The Powerful Pull of the Past

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#### Discussion Questions

1. In what ways does your ministry make use of nostalgia with different stakeholders such as your donors, your staff and volunteers, and your beneficiaries?
  - a. Recognizing that nostalgia has its benefits, are you making use of them appropriately?
2. Is there any use of nostalgia in your ministry that has negative effects, such as leaving you unprepared for the changing world, sapping energy, joy and potential from the present, or creating unnecessary anxiety or discontent with the present?
3. Discuss whatever your ministry is nostalgic about and dig beneath the surface circumstances to find the values, principles or conditions that cause you to feel nostalgic. Have a creative discussion about how you could incorporate those into programs and messages to support a relevant, future-oriented focus.
4. How can management help the staff to:
  - a. Embrace mystery (uncertainty about the future)?
  - b. Embrace adventure (increase risk tolerance)?
  - c. Embrace challenge (increase creativity, perseverance, and motivation)?

You may also be interested in the series [Hearing God Speak](#) and the Bulletin article [Faith-Friendly Strategy Tools](#).