

# Making Big Decisions with Incomplete Information, Part 1

- Welcome
  - *As people enter the space, welcome them. Invite them to do what they need in order to be fully present for the next hour to ninety minutes that they will be together.*
- Body Centering
  - *Have folks close their eyes or soften their gaze or gaze at the ground. Three community breaths together, breathing in through the nose and exhaling out through the mouth. Guide through some gentle shoulder shrugs and neck rolls.*
- Opening
  - *Excerpt from Gods of Jade & Shadow by Silvia Moreno-Garcia: “Words are seeds...with words you embroider narratives and the narratives breed myths, and there’s power in the myth. Yes, the things you name have power.”*
- Introductions/Check-In
  - Each person share: name; pronouns; and a type of weather that describes how you’re feeling today.
- Values - *Share the image of the “Common Circle Values from Living Justice Press. (see p. 17 of this toolkit). Ask participants:*
  - What value has been particularly important for you to lean into these days? What value would you like to offer up to this space today?
- Group Agreements - *Share the image of the Common Circle Guidelines from Living Justice Press (see p. 18 of this toolkit). Ask participants:*
  - Do we feel good about using these guidelines? Any that we want to add or change?
  - Review the discussion of handling harm, bringing joy, and taking care of one another, developed during the Community Building circle.

# Making Big Decisions with Incomplete Information, Part 2

- Sharing Perspectives. *Ask participants to answer:*
  - **Round 1:** How do you go about making a big decision in your life? What information do you need? What does your process look like for making that decision?
  - **Round 2:** If a trial is a search for “truth,” how do we feel about the fact that not all the information in a given situation is presented to the jury?
  - **Round 3:** How do you feel about the fact that jurors have to make the decision but they can’t ask the questions?
  - **Round 4:** How do we feel about the fact that juries deliberate in private?
  - **Round 5:** Put yourself in the shoes of a jury member, how might you be feeling about the decision you have to make?
  - **Round 6:** Are there hopes or fears that you have around the announcement of the jury’s decision? How can we plan to care for one another upon the announcement of the jury’s decision?
- Closing round:
  - Say a word or make a sound to describe how you’re feeling in this moment.
- Closing Breaths - *Invite participants to take three breaths together to close.*
- Closing Quote - *Read the following quote:*
  - Ancestors by Nikita Gill

Your ancestors did not survive  
everything that nearly ended them  
for you to shrink yourself  
to make someone else  
comfortable.

This sacrifice is your warcry, be loud, be everything and make them proud.”