

## **Cross the Line**

### **Purpose of this exercise:**

1. Get to know each other better
2. Appreciate our stories
3. Aware of our similarities

### **Rules:**

1. No talking
2. You have to decide if the statement applies to you
3. If it applies, you have to “cross the line”
4. No one is allowed to ask clarifying questions

### **Sample statements/questions:**

- If you are the youngest in your family... cross the line.
- If you are the oldest in your family... cross the line.
- If you have a parent that has passed away... cross the line.
- If the sport you played was football... cross the line.
- If you come from a family where your biological parents are still together... cross the line.
- If you are the first in your family to go to college... cross the line.
- If you have someone in your family who has been incarcerated... cross the line.
- If you have someone in your family who has been shot... cross the line.
- If you have been shot... cross the line.
- If you have been suspended from school... cross the line.
- If you were raised by someone other than your parents... cross the line.
- If you own a gun... cross the line.
- If you have experienced the effects of alcoholism in your family... cross the line.
- If you play a musical instrument... cross the line.

- If you were in the Boy Scouts... cross the line.
- If you have visited another country... cross the line.
- If you speak more than one language... cross the line.
- If you have been in foster care... cross the line.
- If you had your own car in High School... cross the line.
- If you attended college on an athletic scholarship... cross the line.
- If you received an academic scholarship to attend college... cross the line.
- If you have a family member who has a bi-racial marriage... cross the line.
- If you have had a sports related surgery... cross the line.

*Think about it first. Do you live in the city, suburbs or the country?*

- If you currently live in the city... cross the line.
- If you live in the suburbs... cross the line.
- If you live in the country... cross the line.
- If you have ever worked retail... cross the line.
- If you wear/use contacts or glasses... cross the line.
- If you have been to Hawaii... cross the line.

**Process as a group at the end**