

Self-Compassion Potential Discussion Questions

- 1. Is it easier to be nice to others than to be nice to ourselves? If yes, why do you think that's the case?
- 2. What are the benefits of practicing self-compassion?
- 3. Are you able to challenge negative thoughts? If yes, how do you approach this? (ex. Examining assumptions or considering what you would say to a friend)
- 4. Is it difficult to stand up to your inner critic? If yes, then why is it challenging? Also, do you have a good way to address your inner critic? (Articles 8 and 9 cover this)
- 5. One component of self-compassion is mindfulness. Being mindful reduces ruminating on negative thoughts. Do you have a mindfulness practice? (Ex. Meditation, body scans or <u>5 senses exercise</u>)
- 6. What is one thing I can do to support myself when I feel stressed or down?
- 7. What is something kind I can say to myself when I need support?