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Now that you’ve read this book, it’s time to go out and debate these ideas with your community, on your blog or on a social networking site. If you really want to bring these ideas to life, talk them over in person, with colleagues from work, friends at school, or your book club. Connectional intelligence starts conversation by conversation.

1. In what aspects of your life and work do you think you’re connectionally intelligent? Are you using connectional intelligence in some situations and not in others? Give examples.

2. What about the important people in your lives—your partners, colleagues, your friends, your kids—how would you rate their CxQ?

3. Which parts of Get Big Things Done resonated most strongly with you? Were there parts you disagreed with—and why?

4. Can you think of a time in your life when using connectional intelligence proved to be an advantage? Disadvantage?

5. Who are your favorite CxQ role models?

6. Do you agree with the authors that CxQ is a key attribute of today’s leaders?

7. Are you an introvert or extrovert? How do you use CxQ differently?

8. If you’re an introvert, what do you find most challenging about connecting intelligently with extroverts?

9. If you’re an extrovert, what do you find most challenging about connecting intelligently with introverts?

10. If you’re not a “tech person”, what do you find most challenging and most rewarding about using connectional intelligence?

11. If you are a “tech person” what do you find most challenging and most rewarding about using connectional intelligence?

12. Get Big Things Done suggests that connectional intelligence is not about technology or tools, but more about unleashing human connection. Have you experienced the difference between technology and human connection in your own workplace?

13. Do you think your job enables your connectional intelligence? If not, what could you do to grow your CxQ?

14. (If you have children) How does your connectional intelligence compare to that of your children? How can you improve your relationships by relating to them differently?

15. (If you’re in a relationship) How does your connectional intelligence compare to that of your partner? How do you handle areas in which you’re not compatible?

16. Do you enjoy social media such as Facebook and Twitter? Do you like using connectional intelligence with tools and technologies?

17. Can you think of a time in your life when being disconnected from networks proved to be more connectionally intelligent for you?

18. What is the #1 thing you think CxQ can change in the world?