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A PERSONAL EXPLORATION BY
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Discussion Questions

Defining Prosperity

- What does prosperity mean to you?
- Is prosperity the same thing as wealth?
- What surprised you most in the film?

Freedom

- What kinds of freedom does the film connect with prosperity?
- How did Vietnam's economic reforms change the opportunities available to individuals and businesses?
- Can economic freedom exist without political freedom?

Order

- Why does the film place rule of law and property rights alongside freedom?
- What does Botswana's experience suggest about the importance of institutions?
- How can government provide stability without becoming overly controlling?

Innovation

- What conditions encourage people to take risks and innovate?
- What does Chile's wine industry demonstrate about market-driven problem-solving?
- Why does access to investment capital matter?

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Prosperity at a Crossroads

- What does the film's comparison between Detroit and Silicon Valley suggest?
- When should governments protect existing industries, if ever?
- What challenges to future U.S. prosperity does the documentary identify?

Prosperity at Home

- What does prosperity look like in your community?
- What prevents people in your community from participating in prosperity?
- Which matters most for your community today: Freedom, Order, or Innovation?
- What conditions help people build good lives?

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