Each group will need to write down their thoughts and ideas on each area of discussion. Please discuss your thoughts and views on each question before writing down your response.

Who’s responsible for Kevin’s death?

[Narrow it down to the specific individuals they would hold responsible. For example, if you think it is the

meatpacking company, ask them, “Who at the company is responsible: The forklift driver? The meatpacking worker? The owner?”]

• You are a salesperson at the restaurant who sold the hamburger to Kevin’s

mom. Are you responsible? Why or why not?

• You are the meat distributor who sold the meat to the restaurant. You weren’t

aware that the meat was contaminated. Are you responsible? Why or why not?

• You are a worker at the meatpacking plant whose job is to cut the carcass. You

are a good worker and follow the procedures set up by the plant. Are you at

all responsible? Why or why not?

• What about the federal court judges who said that the government doesn’t

have the authority to shut down a meatpacking plant that repeatedly fails

contaminant tests. Should they be held partly responsible? Why or why not?

• If any of these people didn’t intend for Kevin to die, does that get them off the

hook?

• Imagine that you accidentally hit and killed someone while driving your car.

You didn’t mean to hurt the person and you are very sorry about it. Does that

mean you are not responsible?

• If a particular party is responsible for Kevin’s death, what do you think the

consequences or repercussions should be?

• The mother says, “Sometimes it feels like industry was more protected than

my son.” What do you think of her words?

• Thinking back on our discussion, who are all the parties we identified? Which

of them did we think were responsible, at least in part, for Kevin’s death?

• Do we have the right to assume that our food is safe? If so, who do you think

should be responsible for ensuring its safety?

• Feeding cattle cheap and abundant corn seemed like a good idea when people started doing it, but it had some unintended consequences. Please write about a situation at home, school, or in your community when something that started as a solution created more problems than existed in the first place.