PERSONAL VALUES AND MISSION

Leadership OnDemand
AGENDA

• Personal Values Overview
• Identifying your Personal Values
• Activity
• Creating a Mission Statement
What are “values”?
WHAT ARE VALUES?

• Personal Values:
  • “A principle, standard, or quality considered worthwhile or desirable”
  • The things that are most important to you
  • Attributes that serve as a guide for making important decisions
WHAT ARE VALUES?

1. What values are important to you?

2. Where do your values come from?

3. What has shaped your values in the past?

4. What continues to shape your values?
IDENTIFYING PERSONAL VALUES

Acceptance  Excellence  Joy
Access       Faith       Knowledge
Beauty       Family      Leadership
Commitment   Financial Stability  Love
Communication Freedom     Opportunity
Community    Generosity   Peace
Compassion   Harmony     Preservation
Courage      Honesty      Respect
Creativity   Honoring Obligations Responsibility
Democracy    Innovation   Service
Dignity      Integrity  Simplicity
Diversity    Justice     Stability
Equality     Etc.
TRASH YOUR VALUES ACTIVITY
WHAT IS A MISSION STATEMENT?

• **Statement of one’s timeless values**
• **Gandhi’s Mission:**

  Let the first act of every morning be to make the following resolve for the day:
  I shall not fear anyone on Earth.
  I shall fear only God.
  I shall not bear ill will toward anyone.
  I shall not submit to injustice from anyone.
  I shall conquer untruth by truth.
  And in resisting untruth, I shall put up with all suffering.

CREATING A MISSION STATEMENT

• **Consideration One – Who am I?**
  Where do I come from? Why am I here? What kind of leader am I?

• **Consideration Two – What are my values?**
  What is important to me? What am I not willing to sacrifice?

• **Consideration Three – What do I do?**
  What actions describe me as a person and as a leader? How would I describe my character?

• **Consideration Four – How do I do it?**
  What adjectives would describe the ways that I go about doing what I do?

• **Consideration Five (Optional) – What is the connection to a higher power?**
  How does spirituality fit into considerations 1-4?
Using these questions as guides, write your own personal mission statement.

- Who am I?
- What are my values?
- What do I do?
- How do I do it?
- What is the connection to a higher power? (optional)
THANK YOU!

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