

LEADERSHIP

AT THE RIDGE

Lead Coach Module 1 – Creative Problem Solving

Core Competency

Confront challenging problems with creative solutions.

Objective

Make the best possible decisions in order to achieve objectives.

Assignments Overview

Assignment 1 | Read Matthew 22:15-22 and answer questions.

Assignment 2 | Watch the Ted Talk, *The surprising secret that solves your problems quickly* and answer the questions - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEPEHpgK09Q>

Assignment 3 | Read *The Article...* "How you can use creative problem solving at work"...and answer the questions.

<https://www.lucidchart.com/blog/how-to-use-creative-problem-solving-at-work>

Assignment 1

Read Mathew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax^[a] to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Questions

1. When is a time you felt stuck between two bad options? What did you do and how did things turn out? Looking back, is there something you would have or could have done differently to achieve a better result?

Assignment 2

Watch the Ted Talk, "The surprising secret that solves your problems quickly" and answer the questions - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEPEHpgK09Q>

Questions

1. The speaker said that "The Answer to every problem is hiding in plain sight". Have you ever had an experience where you overthought a problem and the solution was easy? Please explain what happened.
2. Explain what the speaker meant by the term "Functional Fixedness"?
3. Expectations... "the answer we expect to find often limits us and doesn't allow us to see what is really going on". Have you ever experienced this in a team setting? How do you think that made you or others on the team feel?

4. What were the solutions to the Champagne and Salt Shaker problems at the end of the video?

Assignment 3

Read *The Article*...*"How you can use creative problem solving at work"...*and answer the questions. <https://www.lucidchart.com/blog/how-to-use-creative-problem-solving-at-work>

Questions

1. What is one difficult problem or decision you are facing right now that you would like to analyze further? Ideally, this would be some kind of leadership or strategy decision, but it could also be a personal decision.
2. Which step of the seven steps is the most difficult for you and why? Which step is the easiest for you and why?
3. What can you do to force yourself to use this process?
4. Pick a problem you are facing and try one of the CPS techniques on it. Which one did you pick and why?

Leadership Takeaways

What are at least two LEADERSHIP TAKEAWAYS from this module? Be prepared to discuss with your group.

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