

20 pts Questions Cognitive: (Wow, I learn?... Ok that is deep!)

Why is this week's topic important for teamwork?

- When it comes to teamwork, business, programming, and pretty much anything that requires the involvement of others, communication is crucial. Something that really stands out when it comes to communication and professional communication is the need to be concise, cordial, and straight to the point. Additionally, it's easy for communication to be messed up when going through various channels. For that reason, it's important for communication to be concise and easily interpreted by a variety of individuals.
- Another thing that stood out to me in the second class was the difference between simply dictating instructions (one-way communication) and two-way communication. While the one-way communication was rather effective, the objects didn't quite match up the same as the other side, whereas with the two-way communication, it was practically a mirror image.

How does your experience relate to other experiences you have had?

- When it comes to communication, I'm pretty sure that there are very few people as bad at it as I am. Working on communication is incredibly difficult, and especially with the pandemic stifling social interactions between friends and family. Something that I noticed is that when communicating with other over social media and email, is that being straight to the point is important. Additionally, utilizing the subject line in an email can speed up the communication process and be used to clear up any misunderstandings.

How does your experience relate to other classmates' experiences?

- Something that my brother who is also taking this class mentioned is how within the corporate structure, it's easy for individuals to misconstrue certain messages or announcements from higher up in management. Like a game of telephone, it's easy for messages to switch meanings from employee to employee, and not until talking with the original sender, is the meaning of the message cleared up.

Tell me about what you taught someone? And what did they learn, that they didn't know before?

- One of the preparation articles really hit home when it came to talking about effective communication within a virtual workplace. I talked about this article with my dad who works mostly remote, and often has to deal with all the pros and cons of remote work. Something that really stood out to me is having a place to talk as a team without the gloss of professionalism. A "virtual water cooler" as the article described, is for informal interactions. Something that my dad told me about is how him and his colleagues would actually play Call of Duty after work on the weekends. This was pretty funny, and reminded me of an The Office episode where that exact premise was shown. Having an informal communication channel can build relationships remotely, and in person.

If this was a religion class, how would you relate this week's topic to the gospel?

- If this week's lesson were a religion class, I think the topic would be surrounding the Holy Ghost. Being able to listen to the promptings of the Holy Ghost and act on them is

reminiscent of some of the principles explored this week. When we need to communicate with the Holy Ghost, we need to immerse ourselves in the scriptures. I'd say that this is similar to how if we want to understand communications within our work, we need to immerse ourselves within our work. Additionally, the Holy Ghost can enhance our understanding of the work and communications around us. Being able to be guided by the Holy Ghost can allow us to communicate effectively and be guided into making the right decisions.