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W01 Reflection

Why is this week's topic important for teamwork?

This week we went over the syllabus, and discussed the overall structure and expectations for the class. This was important because it allowed all of the class members to set their sights on a similar end goal, which will facilitate the process of reaching the goal.

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

I enjoyed the in class exercise we did where we were tasked with finding the symbol that was common amongst all group members. It allowed me to reflect on the leadership dynamics that I've seen at my current job, and at past jobs. I observed Middle management is extremely important. I've had jobs in the past where middle management didn't properly relay information up or down the ladder, and it was a disaster.

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

Just as the upper management was able to relay information to the middle-managers, who then relayed it to the workers, God uses prophets to efficiently relay important information to all of his children on Earth. Personal revelation is important as well, but without the current chain of command being in place, disputes and dissensions would be a lot more common amongst the members of the church.

If you were to write your experience as STAR story, how would you phrase it?

Situation: Information must be relayed between people who cannot communicate directly

Task: Find a way to pass information quickly and accurately between individuals, and report all information to group leader.

Action: Middle-management will gather and analyze information from the workers, then pass said information up the chain to the group leader.

Result: Our group was able to successfully identify the symbol we all shared while adhering to the rules of the exercise.

What did you learn by explaining this week's topic to someone not in this class?

As I told my wife about the exercise we performed in class, I was reminded of the importance of clear communication. If one of the members of the group had relayed inaccurate information to the person above them, it would've taken extra time to resolve the issue once it was recognized.

How would you explain this week's topics to a person not in this class?

This week we learned about the benefits of working in teams. When working in teams, it is possible to accomplish much more than what the team members would've achieved while working on their own. We also learned of the importance of communication within a team.