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Reflection Week 3

This week I prepared for class by briefly skimming through the reading material, so I would know what we would be discussing. In class were learning about personality types, and after going in depth about their accuracy and such I am intrigued to learn how people code the quiz and decide on what makes a personality. Speaking of personality types, we discussed how everyone has their own personality and not one person is alike, and that’s what makes teamwork so much more affective than being on your own. It makes it so the team’s strengths and weaknesses fit together like a puzzle. This week’s scenario was about a guy who graduated with a software engineering degree and got a job at a startup company that has the two things he loves: software development and sports. However, as time went on, he began programming less and did sales most of his time which made him upset. We won’t discuss solutions until next week. Looking at the study material this week, I learned a lot of how significant personalities are in a team, and that if we were all the same, we wouldn’t be as efficient. This week’s topic is important because it’s important to acknowledge our differences and know that none of us are perfect. We need a team in order to contribute and benefit from one another when working on a project together. This week’s scenario about the guy at the job working sales instead of programming relates to the importance of uniqueness in a team because in his situation he disregarded his own needs and desires by failing to communicate with the people he works with. When it comes to teamwork you must understand how you best contribute to a team and communicate that to those you work with, else you might end up doing a job you don’t enjoy. A major take-a-way I got from this week was how much more effective a team can be than a single person when functioning together properly. For instance, when we played the fox and geese game, the group of geese would always win once you figured out the strategy of how they can work together to block the fox from passing while also making it to the other end of the board. To someone not in class today, I would explain to them uniqueness is key in a team. That we all have our own differences and that is what improves our efficiency. I would also tell them to find a friend to play the fox and geese game with, so that they can learn for themselves the effectiveness of teamwork. Next week, I will make sure I study more in depth the material given to us for our preparation rather than simply skimming it. I think doing so will create a deeper and more productive class discussion. In a religion class discussion this topic would relate to the gospel through the fact that God created all His children uniquely making each of us inherently different. We should have the unconditional love for those in our team like Christ has for us especially when he atoned for all mankind. This week’s topic is important to teamwork because if all of us were the same, there would be no variety or creative ideas in the team. We would all be thinking the same thing which would basically be like a bunch of myself doing the same thing which is far less productive in comparison to a team full of different people and backgrounds. A mix of people might seem harder to work with at first, but from it so much can be accomplished. I posted all my assignments onto my HTML file for this class on GitHub.