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Week 11 Reflection

This week I prepared for class by quickly reviewing the study material and being aware of the topic we will be discussing this week. This week we studied leadership and what makes a leader good and what makes one bad. We also differentiated between being a manager and being a leader and how you can be leader that is a manager but not a manager that is a leader. This week I met up with my team for 2 hours discussing how we will finish up the ACORN project and things we can do over break to lighten the workload. We completed the planning phase of the second half of our projects and finished up the first two. This week’s scenario wasn’t really one of the typical scenarios we read. It was a more church-related article to leadership, and it was interesting to learn about callings in leadership and family in leadership. In our team meeting in class we answered the question of what makes a good leader with traits such as: encouraging, modest, positive, knows the subject, etc. In GitHub, I posted my assignment on my webpage for this class under the heading reflections with the corresponding week. From the study material, I learned that leadership should be the kind of leadership with a lowercase “L”. Leadership shouldn’t be used to have dominion over others; it is there to glue the team together in an organized manner. This week’s topic is important because to have efficiency in a team you need organization and to have organization you need to have some form of leadership to refer to when in doubt of what direction, the team needs to go. This does not mean that the leader commands everyone else; it means that the leader must be aware of others and take in account all the situations everyone has and makes a well-judged and debated decision. To be honest, it was frustrating setting up some of our ACORN projects. However, from it we were able to find a better way to communicate in our team and gain a better understanding of each of our situations to solve technical issues setting up Minecraft. From our meetings we each assigned ourselves tasks to do over Thanksgiving break to help prepare us for our last ACORN project involving the escape rooms. I think these tasks assigned will be at test to our team’s accountability and dependability. I hope all of us come prepared to finish it up in our next meeting. A huge take-a-way I got from this week was that anyone can be a leader so long as they are willing to put in the effort and make a difference. I really enjoyed watching the Ted Talk on leadership during class and thought it was super insightful as to what being a leader really is. Being a leader is being the person who is willing to make a move and decides based on solid knowledge from those they listen to. Leadership is meant to benefit and uplift. Based on this week’s topic, I feel inspired to be the “lollipop” in people’s lives and make a difference for them by asserting myself in a positive way that helps those around me. So, whenever I see a situation that calls for some help or inspiration, I need to be the one to make a move. By explaining this topic to someone who was not in class, I learned that leaderships is not meant to control the people they lead. They are meant to encourage, inspire, and uplift those around them. For instance, when someone is lonely, they are the ones who can either go and talk to them or inspire other people to do the same. This week’s topic is important to teamwork because the leadership in a team can either make or break the team. It is important for a leader to understand the influence they have on those they lead. If they end up micromanaging or pitting teammates against each other, the efficiency and productivity of the team is at stake. Good leadership helps the team bond and understand each other better and makes people want to do their best for each other not for themselves.