

- * Valuations are important for company's, their boards, their employees and shareholders
- * A valuation is a useful yardstick for measuring the progress of a company
- * But there are times when private companies need valuations

- * The three main reasons for needing a private company valuation are:
- * M&A or capital raising transactions
- * Financial or tax reporting
- * Litigation

- * The process of going public forces a company to present their financial information to a very high standard
- * The market also provides a daily value for the business
- * Private companies do not have this advantage and may actually prefer to keep their financial information as private as possible

- * But what if they want to raise money from external investors such as Venture Capital or Private Equity firms?
- * What if they want to make part of the equity available to employees
- * What if a key shareholder wants to sell their stake?

