COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP: LEADERSHIP & SURVIVAL – SESSION III

NAVIGATING ADVERSITY WITH LEADERSHIP"

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INTRO. DISCUSSION

Please share a time when you took on a leadership role in your community, no matter how small. What did you learn about yourself from this experience?

DEFINING LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Leadership in community engagement involves guiding and inspiring others to address community needs and drive positive change.

- It encompasses personal growth, collaboration, and a commitment to the greater good.

Quote: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi

PERSONAL GROWTH AND ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

- Engaging in community leadership fosters personal growth by:
    - Building confidence
    - Enhancing communication skills
    - Developing a sense of purpose and fulfillment

- Key leadership skills include:
    - Empathy: Understanding and sharing the feelings of others
    - Decision-making: Making informed and effective choices
    - Public speaking: Communicating ideas clearly and persuasively

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." – John F. Kennedy
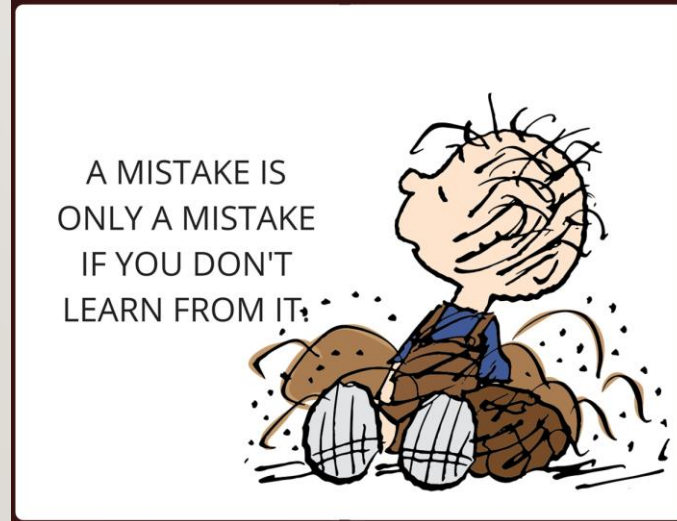
DISCUSSION:

- **Learning from Mistakes**:

Can you share an experience where a mistake in leadership led to significant learning and improvement?

A MISTAKE IS ONLY A MISTAKE IF YOU DON'T LEARN FROM IT.

EMPATHY AND DECISION-MAKING IN LEADERSHIP

- Empathy allows leaders to connect with their community, understand their needs, and build trust.

- Effective leaders make informed decisions by:

- Gathering relevant information

- Weighing pros and cons

- Considering the impact on the community

Quote: "Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge." – Simon Sinek

PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR LEADERS

- Public speaking is crucial for leaders to:
  - Share their vision
  - Inspire and mobilize the community
  - Advocate for change

Quote: "To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart." – Eleanor Roosevelt

IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY NEEDS AND PLANNING PROJECTS

- Effective community projects start with identifying needs through:
    - Surveys and feedback
    - Community meetings
    - Observation and research

- Steps to plan community projects:
    - Define clear objectives
    - Develop a strategic plan
    - Mobilize resources and volunteers
    - Implement and evaluate the project

Quote: "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." – Arthur Ashe

DISCUSSION AND Q&A

"What are some common obstacles to creating the future you want, and how can you overcome them?"

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"A you from the future is here to see present-day you. Should I let him in? Or would that create a paradox in the timeline?"

Quote: "The best way to predict the future is to create it." – Peter Drucker