## **NSLF CONNECT**

## SESSION 10: Leadership & Team Building

## MAIN THEME OF THE SESSION:

Your faith & values will fundamentally determine what you see as the purpose of teamwork And they will also affect the kind of team culture that you build

As this is the last session, here are the 'take-outs' of Faith, Values and Leadership

As a leader, it's your job to inject a sense of faith into the circumstances that lie before you.

Faith: confidence about the future in the midst of uncertainty

And that confidence, or faith, you will hopefully recall, we applied to four things:

Faith in yourself; faith in others; faith in the shared mission, and in the possibility of success.

But if faith provides the energy, our good values provide the direction

So, good leaders are good because their values are good!

Good leaders must learn to subordinate personal gratification for the sake of those they lead

They need to develop an orientation that might best be described as one of love

Remember, we talked about love being the purpose, or the apex value

The challenge of re-wiring our values - it isn't an easy thing to do

But, with the right supportive ingredients, it's very possible

I think us humans were made to participate in something bigger than ourselves

Our most rewarding experiences are in teams

Teamwork creates 'synergy' – the whole is greater than the sum of the parts

But also, our most harrowing experiences are in teams

And it's the quality of leadership that makes the difference

The role of leaders is to help their followers 'grow as persons' - Greenleaf

Bad leaders take little responsibility to help people grow - they just feel responsible for results

This is lazy! They want their job to be easier than it is

So, our faith & values are pivotal in how we see the *purpose* of teamwork

If you have faith in yourself, you'll build a culture that feels confident and secure

If you have faith in others, you'll build a culture of risk-taking

If you have faith in what you're doing, you'll build a culture of deep commitment

If you have faith in the possibility of success you'll build a culture of outstanding performance

If you value honesty, you'll build a culture of transparency

If you value fairness, you'll build a culture of trust and openness

If you value relationships, you'll build a culture of stability and reconciliation

So, hopefully you're starting to get a language to talk about the 'whys', not just the 'hows'

We are all looking for more meaning. We need more meaning and less activity!

Hopefully we're giving you some tools to find the meaning

You may doubt your capacity to be a good leader but I know you can do it!

## **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What has been my best experience being part of a team? What has been the worst?
- 2. What are one or two things that I will take with me from Leadership, Faith & Values?
- 3. What am I going to do from here to keep the conversation going in my life?