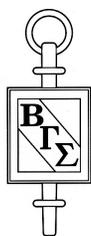


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“What Kind of a Leader *Can I Be?*”

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Learning To Read The Signs: “WHAT KIND OF LEADER CAN I BE?” Uncovering the Values and Vision Driving Your Career Decisions

I. Preparation Work for this weekend Leadership Inquiry:

You may have decided on the field you wish to go into and what organization you want to join. You also may have decided your long-term career goals. Or you may have decided to continue with your studies.

As you contemplate beginning your career, there are many possible questions you may be asking yourself. Here are some examples of questions that have been asked by BGS Student Leaders in previous Forums:

- Have I chosen the right field?
- What profession/industry/corporation do I want to serve in?
- What roles and responsibilities do I and my organization have in society?
- What are my life goals?
- What are my values?
- What are my career goals?
- How will I balance business and personal life?
- What are the trade-offs between job satisfaction and money?
- What is my personal mission statement?

We will, starting this Saturday morning, look at the more fundamental questions which provide the foundation for a successful career and leadership philosophy.

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These questions are intended to give you insight into one of the most important questions you can ask: “**What Kind of Leader Can I Be?**”

We will look in depth at the three elements which are seldom examined in most Business School Settings and which get overlooked in the day-to-day pressure of business:

1. Your **Values and Beliefs** which guide your behavior, decisions and actions.
2. Your **Core Purpose** – the work which you want to do.
What career you are planning in business.
3. Your **Mission** - your bold and compelling goal.
Why you have chosen business as a career.

This Saturday-Sunday, we will lead you through a *PathFinder* Pragmatic Inquiry to help determine answers and future directions.

Please think about and answer the following 5 questions. These questions will form the Baseline that will be the foundation for your *Pathfinder* Inquiry. During our time together, you will have the opportunity to think about the issues that are important to you, answer your questions and develop a plan of action to become the best leader you can be.

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Baseline: “What Kind of a Leader *Can I Be?*”

(**Note:** Personal Preparation Worksheet for Saturday-Sunday Inquiry – **not** to be handed in.)

YOUR QUESTION:

1. As you move toward graduation and think about your career, what question, issue, doubt, problem, challenge or opportunity do you face?

2. Why is this question/issue important? What kinds of decisions will be made -- and what will be the impact when you get an answer? (This will sharpen the question.)

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Baseline: “What Kind of Leader Can I Be?”

(Note: Personal Preparation Worksheet for Saturday-Sunday Inquiry – **not** to be handed in.)

BASELINE ANSWER TO YOUR INQUIRY QUESTION:

(Hint: Write quickly your best guess, hunch, or thoughts.)

3. What is your preliminary answer now?

4. What are your personal values, beliefs, goals, etc. and how are they impacting your answer?

5. Based on your answer, what action will you take? What action are you taking now?

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