

THE DEEPEST VOCATIONAL QUESTION IS
NOT WHAT OUGHT I TO DO WITH MY LIFE?
IT IS THE MORE ELEMENTAL AND MORE DEMANDING
WHO AM I?
WHAT IS MY NATURE?
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MODULE 1

HOMework

your
objective

Get comfortable. Have fun. That is all.

homework overview

1

Solo Work.

Refer to page 2 “Solo Work” for a few quick notes and tips on how to get started with your homework.

2

Group Fun.

Page 3, “Group Fun” has all the information you need on how to run your first group meeting. More information on how to run group meetings can be found on the course page under *Overview*.

3

Move-LAH.

Log into the course and submit your Move-LAH!

SOLO ONE | The stuff before the cool stuff.

To make this first meeting run as smoothly as possible its always best to do your due diligence. Start by making sure you have the correct time (in the right time zone) and date of your group meeting. Also, if you are a *Google Hangouts* newbie, it would be helpful to test out your connection with a friend or two before your scheduled group meeting. All this and more is covered within the *GPS* section of the course.

SOLO TWO | Group notes.

After your group meeting, you can take a few minutes to complete the *SOLO TWO: Group Notes* worksheet found under *Module 1 → Homework*.

SOLO THREE | Review. Reflect. Journal.

Using the *SOLO THREE: Review. Reflect. Journal.* worksheet, take a few minutes to review and reflect on your personal experience. What stood out about this meeting, good or bad? What were your general thoughts, observations, and reflections? Jot down a few notes about this.

SOLO

group fun

GROUP ONE | Introductions.



6 - 8 mins/person

24 - 32 mins total

Each group member should tell his or her story to the group. In a nutshell, who are you, and where do you find yourself in your career/life path now? After each group member introduces him or herself, another person should reflect a summary statement back to him or her. Refer to the *GPS* for details on how to conduct this exercise.

GROUP TWO | Completions.



5 mins/person

20 mins total

Each person in the group should choose at least two of the following sentences and complete them with an honest answer in relation to his or her career/life situation. After each member makes his or her completing statements another person should reflect the a summary statement back to him or her.

Completion sentences:

“Right now ...”

“I am fortunate that ...”

“The hardest part is ...”

“ The good thing is ...”

“ One thing I do know is ...”

“ I am afraid that ...”

“(Make up your own) ...”

GROUP THREE | Questions.



open discussion

15 mins total

As you read through this chapter, you probably noticed several paragraphs end with a “QUESTION TIME” section. Take some time to discuss some or all of these questions with your group. This is not about defending your view, but rather discussing both sides of the argument. Refer to page 4 for the questions.

GROUP FOUR | Wrap up.



1 min/person

5 mins total

Then each group member should share ONE WORD that best describes his or her experience with the group today. Take a few minutes at the very end to discuss and decide on a group name!

GROUP

QUESTION ? ? ?

We can't always think our way into the answers. Does this mean we should stop thinking altogether? Should we stop asking questions and analyzing our strengths and our interests? Are thinking and planning useless and futile?

We often take huge risks and go all out when choosing a career, and these decisions are often based on Internet shopping alone, which can lead us into tough spots. Does this mean it's always smarter to play it safe? Is there ever a time when taking huge risks is justified or worthwhile?

I've proposed that perhaps it's more about who we are than it is about what we are physically doing. Does this mean that the "product" doesn't matter at all? Does it mean that what we do is of little or no importance?

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