

Play 53: Why Leadership Is Humanity's Survival Tool

Use these questions to reflect on leadership not as a title, but as a process of purpose, influence, example, shared achievement, responsibility, and empowerment. Write candidly; the value lies in what you notice and what you choose to do next.

1. When have you seen a group become more dependent on leadership because the familiar rules no longer worked?

2. In a crisis, what do people need first from a leader: truth, reassurance, direction, action - or something else?

3. How well do you distinguish between creating clarity and pretending to have certainty?

4. When circumstances change radically, how willing are you to redefine what success now means?

5. What signals tell you that fear is beginning to fragment a team or organisation?

6. How do you preserve trust when you cannot promise a favourable outcome?

7. Think of a crisis you have led through. What did people appear to be asking of you, even if they never said it aloud?

8. Who are the people around you most likely to exercise leadership in a crisis regardless of their formal title?

9. After a crisis has passed, how deliberately do you convert survival into learning and greater future capability?

10. If leadership's oldest purpose is to help people survive together, what responsibility does that place on you today?
