

You Are What Your Community Needs

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Agenda

- ▶ 5 Questions to Think About When Engaging in Community Leadership
 - ▶ Who are you?
 - ▶ What part of the solution do you own?
 - ▶ Who are you going to bring with you?
 - ▶ What will you do when you fail?
 - ▶ How will you measure success?

Getting Started

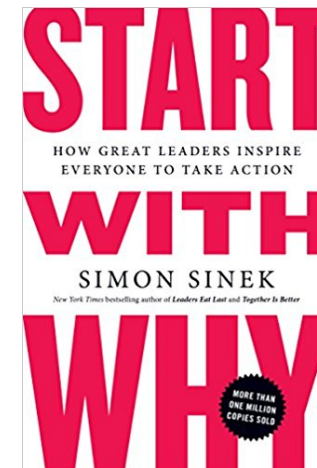
- ▶ Allow me to introduce myself...
 - ▶ Not a native Topekan (army brat)
 - ▶ HUGE Washburn University fan- GO ICHABODS!
 - ▶ Passionate about civic engagement, education, youth empowerment
 - ▶ Hobbies: Reading, running, spending time with family and friends



Who Are You?

Understanding Yourself as a Leader

- ▶ Misconceptions about community leadership
 - ▶ Don't have to be perfect
 - ▶ Don't need permission
- ▶ What do YOU have to offer?
 - ▶ What is your why?
 - ▶ Think about your unique traits, abilities, and connections



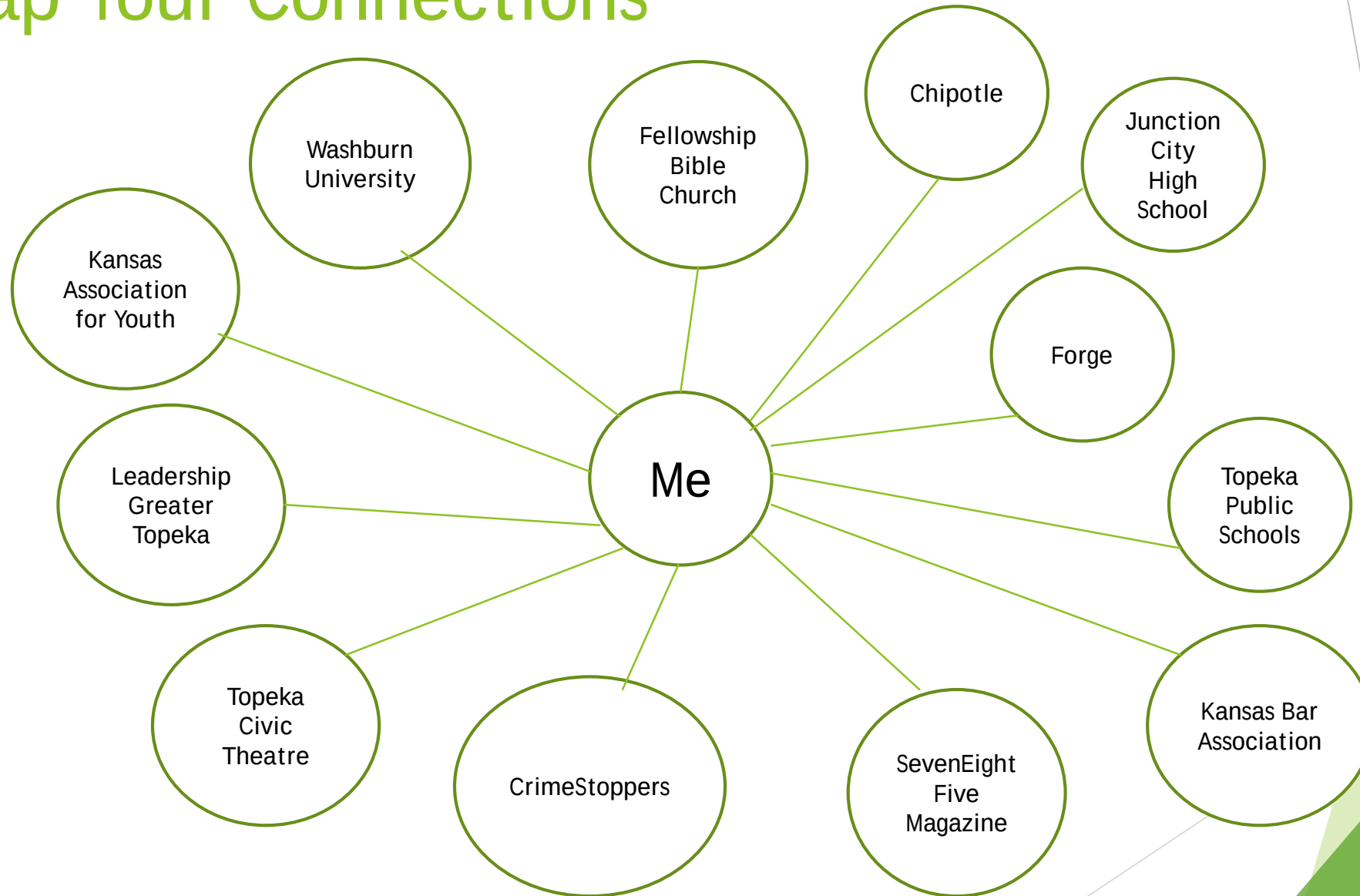
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What Part of the Solution Do You Own?

The Better Question to Ask...

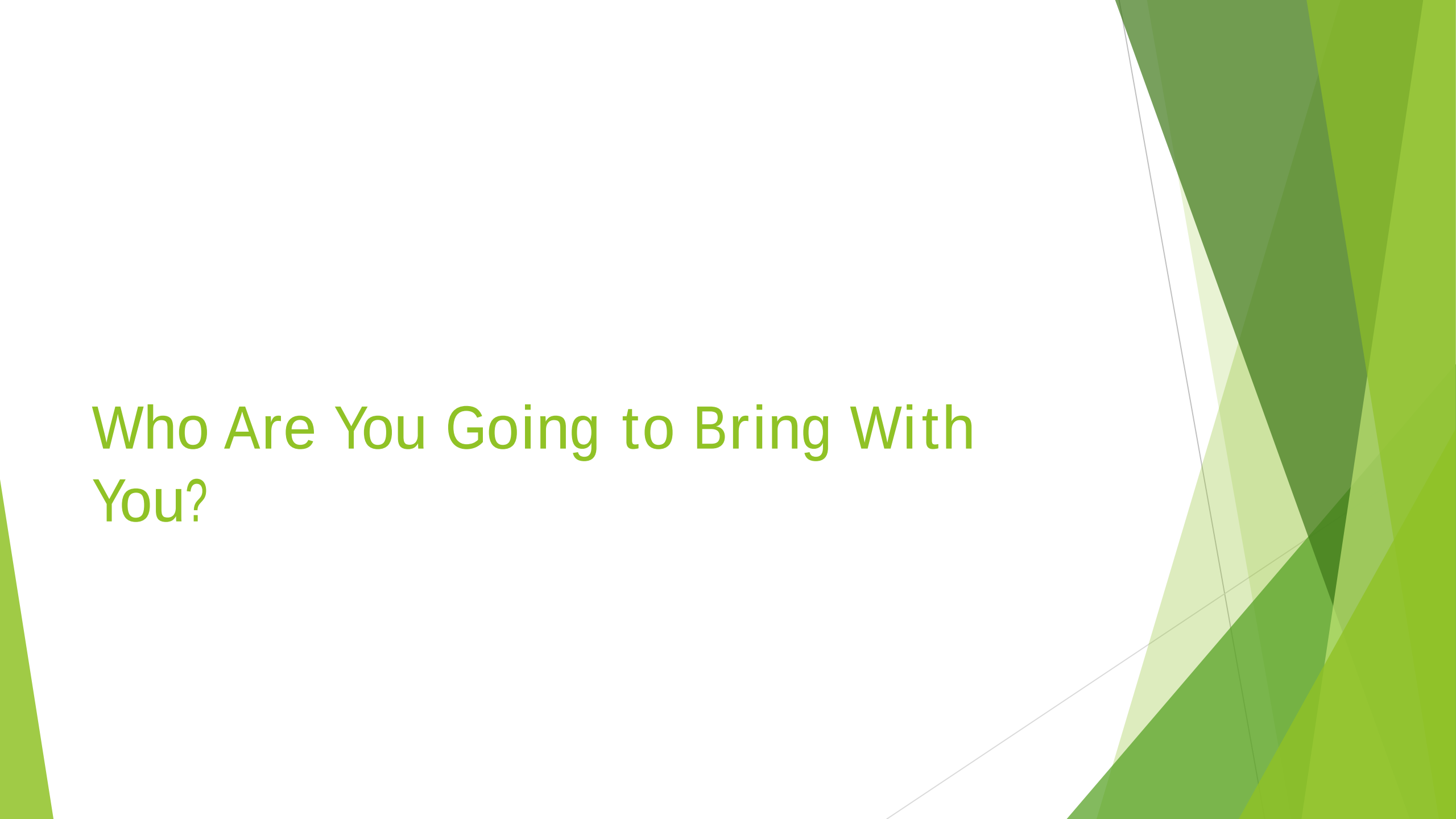
- ▶ Think about the unique perspective you bring to the issue
- ▶ Who do you know...and who do they know?
- ▶ What do you have that others don't have?
- ▶ What is keeping you from getting started?

Map Your Connections



Pine Ridge Prep- Recognizing Your Piece of the Puzzle



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Who Are You Going to Bring With
You?

Find Partners in Crime

- ▶ Think about like-minded individuals
- ▶ Opportunity to empower others
- ▶ What are you willing to give up?
 - ▶ Not needing the credit
 - ▶ Making yourself vulnerable, uncomfortable

Shawnee County Campaign for Grade Level Reading- Partnership in Action



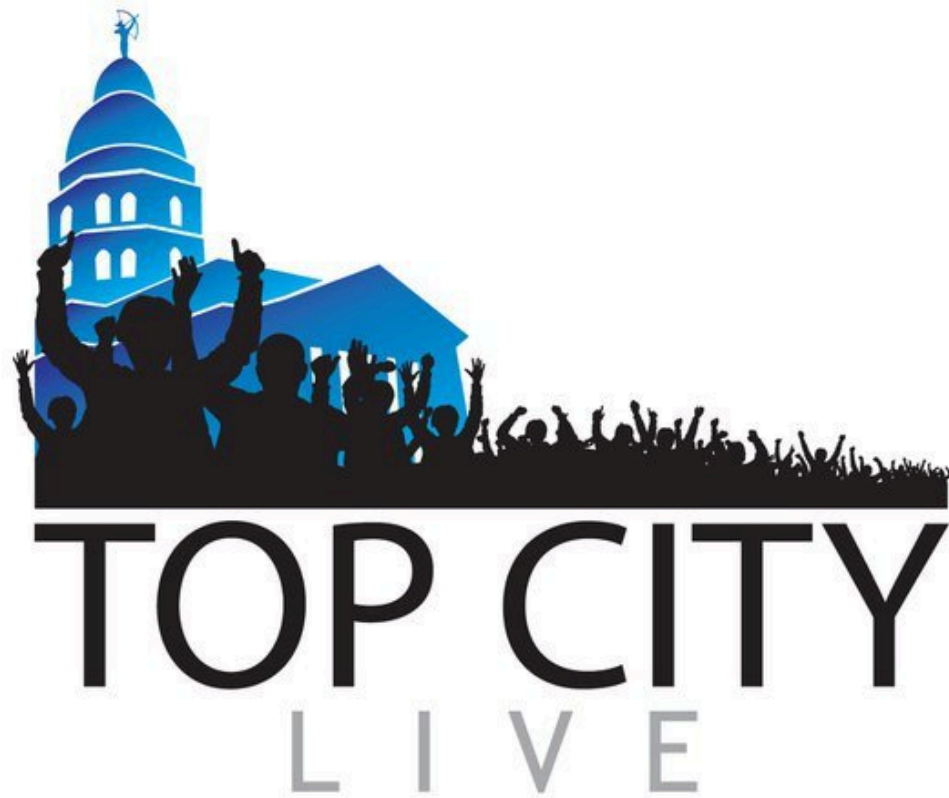
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What Will You Do When You Fail?

Not if, but when...

- ▶ This work involves risk
 - ▶ Difficult when we are personally invested
- ▶ Failure doesn't mean the end
- ▶ How do we learn, grow, and move on?
 - ▶ Importance of honesty

Top City Live- Failure, but...



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How Will You Measure Success?

Have to Know Where We're Going

- ▶ Important early on to know how you will define success
 - ▶ Short term vs. long term success
- ▶ Equitable success
 - ▶ How will you ensure success for ALL individuals/groups you are trying to reach?
 - ▶ Important to engage unique voices

Momentum 2022- Measuring Impact



Recap

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THANK YOU!



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