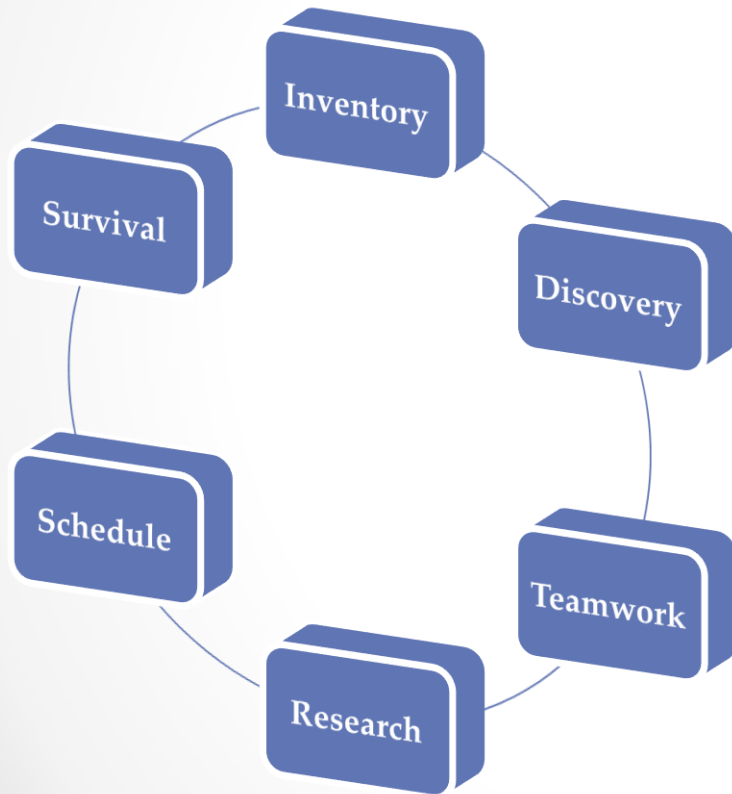


Welcome to Career Connections



Organizing Your Career Search: & Staying on Target



Take INVENTORY

- Take an honest look inside:
 - Where is my career “GPS” pointing to?
 - Is it still the right coordinates?
 - If I sense a change is in order – do you know what it is?
- How prepared am I for this transition time?
 - Emotionally & Spiritually **Psalm 139:23**
 - Financially
 - Season of life / Family situation
- How well prepared am I for this search / journey?
 - Can't wait to get started
 - Wish is were just over!
 - Know what I need to do
 - Not sure how to get going

DISCOVERY

- What do I need to discover?
 - About myself? **Proverbs 25:2**
 - About job market & emerging trends?
 - About how people are finding jobs or creating income?
- What tools are out there to help me?
 - Personal inventories of many kinds
 - Websites [many of them] shared in CC and on our site
 - Prayer & reflection with trusted friends
- Who can help me with this process?
 - Career Connections team & class can help
 - Many of our guests are “in the business” to coach & help
 - Your friendship network

TEAMWORK

- Am I willing & ready to “team up” with others?
 - **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**
 - Do I understand value of having a team?
 - Am I ready to be a good team member for others?
- Who should be on my team?
 - Fellow travelers e.g. from Career Connections class
 - A close friend or two willing to give you some ‘effort’ in this process
 - A professional or two ‘in the business’ who has valuable info
- How might this team work?
 - You are the common denominator & must ‘pull team together’
 - It isn’t necessary that they all meet face to face to be on the team
 - It needs a shared objective and reasonable time table to work with

RESEARCH

- Do you know where to look? **Psalms 23:3**
 - The career search literature [library, book stores, internet]
 - TBJ = Triangle Business Journal [great resource of company info]
 - To people who are information “gatekeepers”
- Do you know what to look for?
 - Is your career sector or job type clear enough for a search?
 - Are you familiar with all the ways your “ideal career” might be described?
 - Are you familiar with “pathway” to your career in case it takes an entry level job first to stair step to your ideal role?
- Do you know how to begin your research?
 - Do you have tools to begin? Computer, workplace, notebook etc.

SCHEDULE

- Time management
 - **Psalms 90:12**
 - **Proverbs 6:6-11**
 - **John 10:10** The enemy is a thief
- The benefits of routine
 - It gives us a starting place each day
 - It reminds us we are needed somewhere & can make a difference
 - We can modify it as new information or opportunity opens up
- Mapping out a weekly & monthly plan
 - Personal development time [reading & study]
 - Networking time e.g. Career Connection type groups & gatherings
 - Research & “Team Time” to work together on ‘the search’

SURVIVAL

- Have a survival plan – or develop one now
 - **1 Chronicles 12:32**
 - Our current recession has the signs of being long & difficult
 - With a loss of income financial planning is CRITICAL to survival
- Doing ‘have to’ until we can do ‘want to’
 - Being open to whatever we can do to get by in these times
 - Keeping career goal alive even if we have a few detours
 - Looking for “God’s hand” in this journey as he cares for us
- Types of survival
 - Financial & basic needs
 - Emotional & Spiritual
 - Professional habits and best practice

Staying on Target

Staying on Plan

- Working up a plan
 - Getting career search plan that works for YOU
- Working on the plan
 - Building your schedule around your plan
- Modify plan as needed
 - Obstacles & Opportunities will arise so we face them
 - Modifying is 'fine tuning' plan

Your PLAN & TARGET

