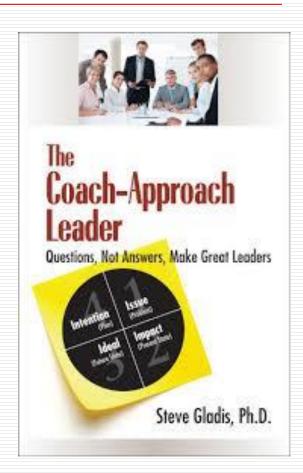
#### The Coach-Approach Leader

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### Opening Exercise: Best Leader

□ Who's the <u>best leader</u> you ever worked for?

□ How did s/he make you feel?

#### **Leadership Styles**

Command & Control

□ Fixers

Coach-Approach

#### Coach-Approach Leaders

- Are nonjudgmental
- Don't know all the answers
- Ask questions, don't give advice
- ☐ Listen more, talk less (80/20 rule)
- Allow others to discover their own solutions

### The Big Questions

- What?
- Who?
- ☐ How?
- Open-ended?

■ NBC Reporter Exercise

## The Coach-Approach Model for Leaders



- □ 1. Issue:
  - Identify the issue or problem to discuss.
    - What's the most important thing to discuss?
    - What's an example of the problem?
    - Who, what, and how are others involved?
  - Paraphrase the problem for agreement.
    - Coach listens & states understanding of problem.
    - □ Discuss it further until agreement on the issue.

- □ 2. Impact—of the Present State
  - What's the impact this issue is having on you?
  - On others? Anyone else?
  - On a scale from 1 to 10 (1=low), what's the impact of the problem on you?
  - What are the consequences of continuing on the current path?

- ☐ 3. Ideal State
  - Understand the vision for success.
    - □ If a miracle occurred, what would the ideal state look like?
    - What else?
  - Set goals
    - What do you want to accomplish?
    - What are some approaches you might take?
  - Identify possible resistance.

- □ 4. Intention (Plan and Accountability)
  - Agree on a plan and timeline.
    - What will your first steps be?
  - Enlist support from others.
    - Who can support you going forward?
  - Set milestones and accountability.
    - What will you do first?
    - When will you do it?
    - ☐ How will I know you've accomplished it?
  - What's one thing of value you got today?

### **Biggest Problems for New Coaches**

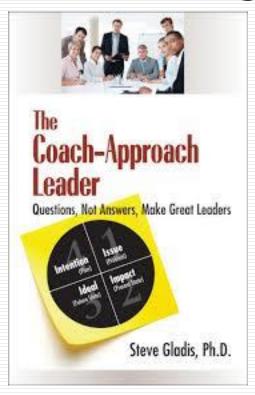
- Ask too many yes-no questions
- Ask too many leading questions
- Try to give advice
- Get impatient
- Don't trust others to figure "it" out

# The Coach-Approach Model for Leaders



#### Magic Yellow Sticky Note

Sketch Model on "Magic Sticky Note"



#### Today's Takeaway

- One thing of value you got today?
- □ How can you try this model?
  - In the next 24-48 hours?
- What will you commit to doing?
- How will your "accountability buddy" know you did it?

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