

Interview Assessment #1

In ISM I was able to be a part of a business symposium. Within this event I got the opportunity to discuss multiple topics with professionals and was able to take away different outlooks, perspectives, and knowledge than I had before. Thanks to the help of my first professional Mike Rodriguez, who I will be getting another chance to interview in the next coming day, I was able to discuss a large topic that had been a part of my ISM journey from the beginning. This is the inclusion of ministry in the things that I do, and when it comes to business, I want to be able to make God present in my actions and interactions. With my first interview under way, we began by discussing what he does, however, soon it became a very faith driven discussion. Mr. Rodriguez was able to describe how he interacts with others when he speaks to different companies. He explained that the way he speaks and what he speaks about all is built around the foundation of God, but that he does not blatantly shove it in their faces. Which I found very interesting. Mike had described that he never shoved God in the faces of his listeners, nevertheless when he was asked about where he got his ideas and beliefs from, he did indeed talk about scripture. This is something that I found very thought provoking, because I have learned that ministry within a for-profit business world is something that is not all about preaching. It is about the way that someone leads, interacts, and behaves towards others. What I did not think about was that I should not just preach to my peers with crosses all over and talk to them about God, I should respond to them with what God would want me to. I am very excited for my part two on Thursday with Mr. Rodriguez.

Something else that I had learned over the course of the business symposium was that I may be suffering from "tunnel vision". I am very young, in fact, even when I am older and out of college I should not just find one job and settle for it. In fact I should focus on gaining knowledge about all sorts of fields. I learned that in the field of marketing that there are many people who find themselves stuck to that field; however, a business field such as entrepreneurship relies on a heavy sense of many fields. This could be a lot more beneficial than eventually sticking with just marketing. Throughout my ISM journey I will need to be careful with "tunnel vision", though I will be sticking with the marketing, I need to focus on using this opportunity to expand my knowledge instead of trying to get a job just in this field.