

So what just happened?

Support materials for the “Original” Mike Smith presentation.

Thank you for taking the time to explore these thoughts about what just happened. If we were together in a presentation setting, you might well be wondering why we did what we did. If you are a facilitator for follow-up to the presentation, here are some notes that might help. If you have *not* been in my audience, but you are interested in what drives my presentations, it is outlined and explained here in these support materials. I believe in personal responsibility and couch it in many different ways. I believe understanding how we work as humans leads to the ultimate conclusion we are the only ones who can be responsible for our actions and therefore, our lives.

In the business of speaking, it is not always possible to hit all of the points that prove that claim. We have only a short amount of time together. The particulars of what I do will be forgotten in a week to ten days, but the processing or thinking about the ideas covered and reviewed here could last a life time, especially when they are reinforced.

There are two levels to this follow-up piece: POINTS TO PONDER - bullet points; and FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS - to stimulate discussion after the presentation

Yes, not everyone in the audience will remember every point but given enough time and a positive setting it is possible to explore most of them. These notes are not arranged in the order they may have occurred in your experience because, depending upon the circumstance, some points may need to be emphasized more than others so the order changes. They are presented here in an order that makes more sense for this written presentation. Each section is introduced by the title of a rhyme although that rhyme may not have been mentioned in the presentation. For more rhymes go to Differencemakers.com/mike/rhymes.html.

Life is full of choices. We are responsible for our portion and we can always seek to understand it and make it better. Thank you for choosing to spend some time with me and these thoughts.

If I can help with any of this, either personally or professionally, please let me know: Write: Mike@Differencemakers or Call (505) 991-4488.

Make it a fantastic day!



the “Original” Mike Smith

Just the talking points, (rhyme titles) and a few [story] presentation piece reminders.

POINTS TO PONDER

This basic program has been developing over the past several decades. I have offered it to over 4,000,000 people across North America. I have learned that no two programs will contain exactly the same material because of the fluid nature of the presentation. Often hosts need a specific theme highlighted, but all my presentations are based around these few simple ideas:

Surprise: (It's Not What You Think I Thought) (Not Know'n) [Fast talking and tongue twisters] Not what the audience expected and that helps focus.

Positive participation: (My Creed) [If you can hear my voice]

Courage is not the absence of fear: (Of Decisions) (Failing) [Turn to the people on your left....]

We all talk to ourselves: (On Board Chip) [What we have in common] [Conan the Barbarian]

Being the sum total of the choices we make makes us each personally responsible: (To Do Or Not To Do) [Dad, I'm Bored]

Words matter: (How Things Work) (Can't Yet) [Party when KC was young and the stairs.]

We are all afraid of many of the same things: (Failing) [Tests, put downs, "My house, my car, my money.....!"]

Action counts: (Smile) [Making a bed]

Making good action choices is the foundation of a happier life: (Number 1 Rule For Success)

We are creatures of habit: (Make Good Choices Right Now) [Overlapping thumbs etc..]

Attitude determines outcome: (Get To) [Mastering a bike]

Bad things can happen to good people: (Life's Not Always Just Nor Fair) [Roberts story]

All human beings are unique: (Blaming) [Each education is earned]

Be the best YOU there is: (Casey's Prayer) (Good Enough)

This was the single most important educational experience of my life! (My Creed, *again*) (Good Enough *again*) [singing together ooo, ahahah, ohohoh.]

If I can help, contact me.

15 Follow-Up Questions From Which To Choose

These are offered to stimulate group discussion following the “Original” Mike Smith’s presentation. Pick a few. See what you remember and think.

1. Why do you think Mike talked so fast at first?
2. Was it what you expected?
3. Did he keep talking fast?
4. Did you jump in and participate right away or did you begin to participate later?
5. Why did you participate at all? Why didn’t you?
6. Who controls what we say to ourselves? Can what we say to ourselves be controlled? (Make Good Choices, Right Now)
7. Are we creatures of habit? Can we change a habit?
8. Name three good habits and two bad ones?
9. What things do humans have in common? See how many we can list.
10. Do we really have choices about our attitudes?
11. How does that “words to thoughts to attitudes to actions to habits to character to destiny work? Is that about reputation?
12. Why should we smile for 21 days? Does it do any good? Why or why not?
13. Are we each really unique? What makes us so since we have so much in common?
14. How is this day, the single most important educational experience of your life?
15. What role do we each play in our own education?