

Inspire! Book Discussion Group

A Guide for Setting up a Discussion Group

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There are four central themes running through *Inspire! What Great Leaders Do*:

1. After the need to love and be loved, the next greatest need of humans is to inspire and be inspired;
2. There is a current epidemic of fear, which can only be replaced with inspiration;
3. Most leaders practice motivation (which is based on fear), but our need is to learn to inspire—few people know the difference;
4. Based on years of research, the secrets of all great, inspiring leaders are in the seven specific steps they used for inspiring others and themselves.

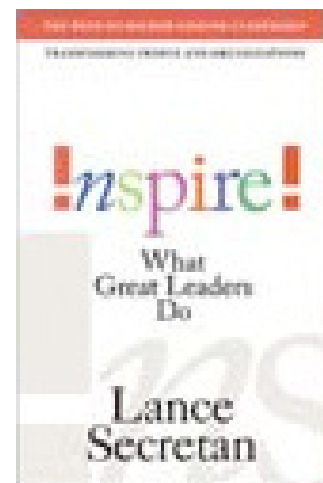
This Book Discussion Outline covers all of these key ideas and more.

Many book discussion groups are designed to thrive on debate, argument, and heated discourse, which lead to a discussion based on conflict, polemics, power, and ego. This is not aligned with the message and teaching of *Inspire! What Great Leaders Do*. We therefore suggest two ways to engage in an inspiring dialogue about the book: **1.** Choose from one of the main topics in the book; **2.** Follow the Seven Steps of the Higher Ground Leader to build a greater understanding of this process. So, it is appropriate to invite participants in your Book Discussion Group to choose one of these approaches (or invent one of your own) to work together in a soulful way, to ask questions rather than assert that any one person has the answer, and to share your time together in a loving, learning partnership.

1. Choose a topic for discussion

Choose a free-style discussion or allow your discussion to be inspired by the questions suggested for this format.

- Motivation vs. Inspiration (Introduction)
- Projection (Chapter 1)
- Higher Ground Leadership®/Servant-Leadership (Intro./Chs.1, 2, 11)
- Destiny (Chapters 3, 4, 9)
- Cause (Chapters 5, 6, 9)
- Calling (Chapters 7, 8, 9)
- Soulspace (Chapter 13)



2. Follow a structured discussion group based on the seven steps of *Higher Ground Leadership*®

Step One: Defining Your Destiny

Step Two: Defining Your Cause

Step Three: Defining Your Calling

Step Four: Aligning Destiny, Cause, and Calling

Step Five: Serving Followers

Step Six: Guiding the Contribution of Brilliance

Step Seven: Magic Ingredient X—Creating the Environment That Inspires Others to Inspire Us