

## TEAM LEADERSHIP PROBLEM

# 11. EQUAL DISTRIBUTION

**Theme:** Problem Solving

**Estimated Time:** 25-30 minutes

**Resources Required:** Tape measure for each team

### Activity Description and Step-by-Step Instructions:

It's amazing how things that appear so different are actually more alike than we think. This activity reveals some commonality on very different things that most probably have not considered.

Divide the group into four equal teams. State that the purpose of this activity is to show how things that are different have some similarities most people probably would not have considered.

Ask the group what they think the foot and arm have in common; what the chin and palm have in common, what our ear and nose have in common, and what our fingers can tell us about our height. {Allow some time for discussion}

Share with the group that our bodies are typically symmetrical. Instruct each members of each team to measure with their hands the space from the middle of their chins to the end of their jawbones and compare the length to the height of their palm. Instruct each team to measure with their hand the length of the nose and compare it to the height of their ear. Instruct members of each team to measure their foot with the tape measure and compare it to their forearm. Finally use a tape measure to measure the distance from fingertip to fingertip of outstretched arms (stand with arms stretched to form a T), and compare it to the person's height.

Most of these measurements will be about equal to their comparisons. State to the group that if some measurements are not quite equal, it's OK - we're all unique. Mention that the purpose of this activity is to think that even dissimilar things may have common elements.

### Discussion Questions:

What did we just do?

What did you learn?

What were some leadership concepts learned from this exercise?

How can these leadership concepts be applied to outside this activity?