

Moving from agreement to alignment

Moving a team to alignment is a powerful leadership skill. It helps to:

- Reduce circular conversations about what should be done
- > Accelerate momentum for transformation
- > Create urgency and action on strategy
- Make it visible when priorities aren't being resourced

Getting aligned is a combination of difficult choices and productive outcomes. When leaders are aligned:

- > Resources are reallocated to make sure priorities have what they need to move forward
- Personal passion projects and legacy ways of working get stopped
- > Deeply embedded leadership habits are forced to change
- Legacy distribution and supply chains are disrupted

AGREEMENT

Leaders like an idea and generally support it

Willing to vote in support of the idea

New behaviors or decisions required are left ambiguous

After the agreement, status quo continues

Dissent is passive – unwilling to engage in productive debate

ALIGNMENT

Leaders redirect time, energy, and resources to deliver together

Work to create shared clarity

Leaders personally step up to new behaviors and decisions

Status quo is disrupted by new priorities and commitments

Productive dissent is used to gain full support

Agreement is nice to have. It doesn't require much more than good intentions.

Alignment is imperative.

It is where the hard work happens.

If a leadership team is going to succeed at transforming the company, delivering on strategic priorities, and moving confidently toward the future, aligning horizontally to new ways of working together is non-negotiable.

EXPLORE the space between agreement and alignment >

The space between

Do you want to see how aligned your team feels to your shared goals? Do *The Space Between* exercise with them, and ask them to share where they hear a lot of agreement and not much alignment.

<u>Download the free worksheet</u> and explore what alignment might sound like with your own team.



ALIGNMENT is where the magic happens.

I should work out more often.

It would be great to have more family time.

We need to be more collaborative.

I'm working out with a trainer three times a week.

We are having tech-free dinners twice a week.

I'm hosting cross-functional challenge sessions.

Taking this forward

WEBINAR RECORDING





The Space Between exercise



WEBSITE

The Diamond Triangle™

Spark dialog with your colleagues on the power of aligning to how to lead together



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Say hello...

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Alignment Journey work might benefit you
and your organization? Contact us for a
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alignment in your organization and how you can
tackle building alignment as a leader.