Building An Audience

1. How it used to be.

- a. You write content consistently on a blog about something of interest to you.
 - i. Or to several groups of people.
- b. You hope an audience finds you because people share your content.
- c. Those who created the most content had the advantage.

2. How it is now:

- a. Find a specific niche (smaller than you think), and write content only for them.
- b. Your audience finds you because you stand out.
- c. Those who create the best content have the advantage.

3. What has changed:

- a. It takes more than permission.
 - i. I have given permission to 100s of people.
- b. You have to earn the right to someone's attention.
 - i. There has never been more competition (You have to stand out)
 - 1. You have to be more compelling (interesting).
 - 2. You have to solve problems better (quicker).
 - 3. You have to talk more directly to people (niche).

4. How to pick your topic/niche

- a. You can't be all things to all people.
- b. <u>Ikigai</u>
- c. Down/Down process.

5. How to identify your ideal audience

a. Darrell's Worksheet

6. Creating a content strategy for your ideal audience

- a. Where are you building your audience?
 - i. You only own two things.
 - ii. Everything serves the email list.
- b. How does your ideal audience want to consume content? (platform)
- c. How often does your ideal audience want to consume content?

- d. Where does your ideal audience hang out? (growth)
 - i. <u>SparkToro</u>

7. Consistently Create Until Your Audience Grows

- a. Compounding Interest
- b. Matt Ragland

Business Leaders

Down - 1: Key Decision Makers (through C-suite)

- Down 2: Mid-Market Growth Companies
- Down 3: Become more effective leaders

Home Schoolers

- Down 1: Parents of Homeschoolers
- Down 2: Who are just getting started
- Down 3: Who aren't sure the right way to do it.

Fans of the NBA:

Down - 1: Fans of the NBA in Portland, OR

Down - 2: Fan in Portland who are season ticket holders Down - 3:

Gardening:

Down - 1: Succulents Down - 2: Growing them in SW United States