Defining Us uses the power of media and the promise of education to inspire educators to join the conversation on the socio-political cultural issues that matter. In this episode of Defining Us…Stacey DeWitt interviews Tim Shriver. While many people know of Tim Shriver’s activism and philanthropic work, Tim also is a former teacher and has been instrumental in promoting quality educational opportunities for all students. In this episode, Tim and Stacey discuss the importance of educator relationships and how communities can find common ground despite great differences.

Powerful Moments
Throughout this podcast there are powerful moments that provide deeper insight into the individuals and topics discussed in this podcast.

- 1:55 – “We’re in the midst of a deep, almost spiritual crisis, a crisis of us…”
- 4:29 – Developing the skills to build trust
- 7:35 – Relationships and social emotional learning
- 8:35 – What teachers have the power to do in schools
- 12:21 – Building a new Spirit of America
- 20:25 – What happens when students learn that somebody cares

Critical Reflection Questions (During and After the Listening)
Use the following critical reflection questions to make deeper meaning of the topics discussed in this episode.

- How do my own identity, experiences and knowledge influence my understanding of this topic?
- How does this topic connect with my current context?
- What are the implications to my practice?
- How can we make sure that every student in the school knows that adults care about them?
- How will I continue the conversation in my school/community/organization?

Inside the Conversation
Want to know more? Continue the learning with some of the important individuals, organizations, and topics discussed in this episode.

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