

MID-WEEK REFLECTION 4

“At Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church, we value serving God’s people.”

GETTING STARTED:

What great thing would you attempt if you knew you could not fail?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Psalm 127:1 *Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.*

Matthew 7:24-25 *Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon a rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on a rock.*

Question: We are all building a legacy we will leave behind in life. What legacy do you want to leave? At your funeral what do you want people to say about you and your life?

Matthew 20:25 *But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.*

Luke 23:39-43 *One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

Question: What are the qualities of Jesus’ life that made Him a great leader? Why do you think the thief turned to Jesus and asked Him to remember him? What qualities of Jesus’ life do we need as disciples to have in our lives to effectively serve others?

APPLICATION:

“True leadership emerges from those whose primary motivation is a deep desire to help others. It’s easy to teach servants how to lead and it’s tough to teach leaders how to serve. Success is your progressive realization of your God given dreams, visions and goals. Significance is helping others to succeed. Servant leaders move from success to significance.” - Robert K. Greenleaf

Question: Think about your life, are people who know you, happier, healthier, more independent and able to care for themselves, and spiritually stronger?

Question: Now think about our life together at Our Savior’s Way, are the people in Loudoun County happier, healthier, more independent and able to care for themselves, and spiritually stronger because we are here? Is the focus of our life together on ourselves or on the community around us?

Question: What legacy are we building in our community?

CHALLENGE:

“If you want happiness for an hour take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime help someone.”
- Chinese Proverb

Make a commitment this week to pray for the people in your family, your friends, and your neighbors, or co-workers. Offer one act of kindness to a least one person every day.