

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LOOK

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

1. Who has been an example of servant leadership in your life? Describe what impact that has had on you and others.
2. What does a heart full of grace look like on the outside?

BOOK

Mark 9:30-37 For the second time Jesus tells his disciples the inconvenient truth about his suffering, death, and resurrection.

1. This time Jesus adds the word “betrayed” (v. 31). Jesus’ gifts of love and trust will be used against him. How do the disciples do that? How do we sometimes do that to him and to each other?
2. Compare the disciples’ reactions to the first (8:31-33) and second declarations of Jesus’ fate. Any patterns/differences?
3. How does Jesus flip the script about power and greatness?
4. How does Jesus connect the child to God?

TOOK

Servant leadership doesn’t make much sense unless it is based on our connectedness to God and each other.

1. How are weakness and vulnerability tools for living lives of service?
2. What dangers are there in extending our love and trust to others? What might we sacrifice in the effort?