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May 13, 2015

Seeking the Kingdom of God

Instead, seek his kingdom and these will be added to you.

*Luke 12:31****How Do I Do That?***

This passage from Luke (see 12:22-31) from Morning Prayer this morning can be very easy to dismiss. Most people I know (all of them, I think) will not look to the ravens, lilies, or not worry at all about what to eat or what to wear. The advice to seek first the kingdom of God does not seem like an adequate replacement for food, clothing and shelter. On top of that, what would you spend your time doing if you were to spend all day seeking the kingdom of God? What is on your calendar that day? If we are honest, we really would not know what to do or how to trust God like this verse seems to say we should. Now what?

Christmas Time

All of this brings me back to Christmas. Not the presents, overeating, and reindeer. It brings me back to the "reason for the season." Jesus came to the world to come after us. He still does. He is spreading His kingdom around and He comes after us to recruit us into doing the same. He wants us in His family business. His kingdom is really His house. His house means His rules. His rules mean forgiveness, healing, enough to eat, reconciliation, etc. If He is coming after me to recruit me into His family business then I think He may have something to say to me. There has got to be some kind of orientation presentation. That makes me wonder if seeking first His kingdom is to listen for His voice and look for His presence as a first step all the time. When we go to work- look for Him.

When we come home from work- look for Him. When we do anything or go anywhere to seek first His kingdom is to look for Him. He was there before we got there anyway. Once I see Him then I do what He says, follow where He leads. It will make all the difference. Who knows, some forgiveness might start flowing, some healing might occur, and some hungry people might be fed.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 Vestry meeting at 4:00pm

Sunday, May 17, 2015 worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck

Sunday, May 24, 2015 worship 10:00am

Our Missional Communities

The Parke meets on May 17 at 5:00pm for pot luck at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker 1661 Centerville Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

The Garden will meet on May 17 after the covered dish lunch.

Symphony

Bobbie and Pete Leviness will both be away on Sunday May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend), which is normally the Sunday they would offer worship at Symphony Hall, If anyone is interested in leading a worship service that

Sunday at Symphony Hall (from about 9:00am-9:45am) on May 24 please contact Bobbie as soon as you can at: bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Yu's Chinese Restaurant that the business would grow, the employees would have full, healthy lives and those who eat there would develop rich, strong relationships.

The Diocese of Virginia

Congregations and clergy of St. Peter's, Arlington, St. James's, Richmond; St. Stephen's, Richmond.

Metropolitan Richmond

For all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies and para-church organizations.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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