

Workplace reflections for Advent

Getting ready . . .

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:3

Getting ready is part of the thing that you are getting ready for. Preparing for a holiday is part of the holiday experience, Preparing for an exam is inseparable from the exam itself: and in all these things the quality of our preparation determines the success of the thing we are preparing for. Life is a preparation for something yet to come, and what we value in our daily lives will affect our ultimate future. The temptation is to think that this has more to do with our domestic lives than with the work place. But that won't do. The season of Advent is not just about preparing in church or at home for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. It's about preparing a highway for our God in the place where we work.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up: then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind: when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. [Luke 13: 44-49]

Prayer: Your kingdom come and your will be done, O God, in every place, and give me the grace to look and prepare for it wherever I might be.

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