

Opening the Doors of Mercy

Week 5– Opening Doors for Others

“Be an opener of doors for such as come after thee, and do not try to make the universe a blind alley.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A recent article in the Huffington Post¹ contained an interview with Bill Treasurer, Management Consultant, speaking about a key leadership lesson that he learned from his five year old son Ian. His son attended a preschool where every Monday the class teacher would appoint a “class leader” for the week. Bill recalls that his son bounded through the door one afternoon and exclaimed excitedly that he had been named class leader. In response, Bill naturally asked “So what does that mean, to be class leader?” His son replied:

“I get to open doors for people.”

As a Mercy leader, how does this statement challenge you? How are you able to “open doors” for people?

Second chances
New experiences
New ways of thinking
Opportunity
Hope

“He who opens a school door, closes a prison.”

Victor Hugo

¹http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bj-gallagher/leaders-open-doors-for-ot_b_3281984.html?ir=Australia

