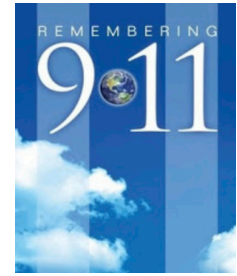


After 9/11: How Strangers Made a Better World



Based on the October 6th presentation, your own recollections of how people behaved/reacted to 9/11, and how you feel about folk's behavior more recently, these questions are meant to encourage folks to share stories about their experiences and think about how doing the right thing for others can change *you* for the better, as well!

1. What was your take-away from the first responder's story?
2. What was your take-away from the everyday hero's story?
3. What is your take-away from the story about the amazing response of the Lewisporte, Newfoundland "plane people" story?
4. What is the difference between "the right thing to do" and "the kind thing to do"?
5. What might be the benefits of "reaching out?" What might be the challenges of "reaching out?"
6. A few years ago, a gas explosion in an Upper Arlington residential area destroyed several homes, rattled windows for blocks around, and shook the foundation for dozens of families (figuratively and literally!). What did you do?
7. In 2009, Columbus registered a record snowfall of more than 20" in a 24-hour period (in March!!!). Do you remember any community response to the problems experienced by so many at that time?
8. What kind of situations/crises might trigger doing something? If 7,000 people had suddenly been dropped into our midst, here in the Tri-Village area, how do you think the community would have responded?
9. Have you ever been the recipient of a random act of kindness – something that someone else did that surprised you because it was unexpected, and because you hadn't thought to ask anyone's help? How did you respond? How did it make you feel?
10. When was the last time you did something nice for someone else simply because you could? How did the person respond? How did that make you feel?

Here are six quotes from famous people about kindness, and about doing the right thing. Which one resonates most with you? Why?

- *"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."* – Margaret Mead
- *"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."* – Desmond Tutu
- *"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."* – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- *"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."* – Dalai Lama
- *"Never be so busy as not to think of others."* – Mother Teresa
- *"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."* – Leo Buscaglia