

“It’s A Wonderful Life” When You Make a Difference” Reflection-Discussion Guide

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1. What mountains are there in your life right now? List 3.

- a.
- b.
- c.



2. Consider the dreams you had when you were younger. Which ones came true? Which dreams were you forced to change?

3. Did your dreams change because of sacrifices you had to make?

4. If you have your own children, do you know what their dreams are? What about the dreams of your students?

5. Have you ever felt despair? What events in your own life have led you to despair? How were you able to overcome it?

6. Can you recognize depression? Do you have any students who suffer from Depression?

7. When George Bailey wishes he had never been born, his guardian angel gives him the gift of seeing what the world would be like without him. How would the world be different if you were not in it?

8. Think about the individuals whose lives you've made the most difference in. Why were you able to make a difference in their lives?

9. Who has made a difference in your own life? In what way can you pay them back by offering the same gifts to others?

10. What are the messages that you most want to send to your family? To your students?

11. How do you show your students that they have worth?

12. How can you be a champion of your students?

13. How can you teach them their viability as individuals?



14. "It's a Wonderful Life" helped to restore Stewart's faith. How do you keep the faith in yourself and others?

15. Stewart credits Capra's core values as being the keys to his success. What values do you bring to your organization?

16. Capra's favorite actor to work with was Jimmy Stewart because he shared his values. As a result of shared values, they worked together well. In what ways do you demonstrate that you share your school district's vision?

17. Most successful administrators would rather hire a new employee that shared the organization's values than any other trait. Why do you think this is so important?

