

Episode 94, Lisa Schultz, Finding Hope in Turmoil: Ministering to the US Senate

Intro [00:00:04] Welcome to engage 360 Denver Seminary's Podcast. Join us as we explore the redemptive power of the Gospel and the life changing truth of Scripture at work in our culture today.

Don Payne [00:00:16] Hey, friends, we're glad you're with us again. This is Engage 360 from Denver Seminary. My name is Don Payne. I'm your host. And we love to highlight for you periodically what some of our students and graduates are doing, kind of to give you a sense, a vivid sense, of what it looks like to embody our seminary mission, which is to engage to prepare people to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life changing truth of scripture. And our students and our graduates are involved in some really fascinating and frontline ministries, many of which are kind of maybe off the beaten path, a little off grid, not conventional, but they really present the challenges that will, in some cases, kind of blow your hair back and also sharpen our understanding of what ministry is really like and the variety of ways God works through us. So in this episode, we're very privileged, very honored to have one of our recent graduates as our guest, Lisa Schultz. Lisa, welcome to the podcast.

Lisa Schultz [00:01:29] Thank you so much. I'm really, really grateful to be here today with you and talk to you today. Thank you for having me.

Don Payne [00:01:35] Yeah, great. Well, I'll let you in a moment tell a little bit more about your role, but I'll kind of introduce that for our listeners. Lisa is chief of staff for the chaplain of the U.S. Senate. That's a role that until recently I didn't even know existed. But had Lisa has been in that role for a little while. And really, I'm interested, eager to dive into this conversation with Lisa about her role and what she's learned from that. We'll get into that in just a moment. But Lisa, why don't you give us just a brief background for yourself and your role as chief of staff for the Senate chaplain.

Lisa Schultz [00:02:16] Yeah. So, my name is Lisa Schultz and I have been working for the Senate chaplain for 15 years now, which is quite a feat for DC, to have the same job for so long. But it's so wonderful.

Don Payne [00:02:29] = You're a long timer by now.

Lisa Schultz [00:02:32] I'm a long timer by now on the Hill and it's been wonderful. We get to minister to the Senate community, which is a community of about 10,000 people. So, staff and senators and just all of the workers here in the United States Capitol and yes, the support staff as well. So, we get to minister out of our faith. So, I happen to be a Christian and I get to minister out of my Christian faith. And my boss is also a Christian, so he gets to minister out of his faith. Yeah, our office has been here. We've had a chaplain for a long, long time, even before we are a country. But we've had official chaplains, paid chaplains, for, oh goodness, I don't even know how many years. It started as volunteer ministers in DC that would come to the Capitol and pray. And now we've had the office of the chaplain where the chaplain prays every time before the Senate goes into session. And for about 30 years, the chaplain has had a staff. So, I am part of a staff. Before it was just the chaplain, and he would work at the senators. And now we get to minister to everyone in the Senate, which is part of what I do.

Don Payne [00:03:54] That's great. If you're able to tell me this, who is our current Senate chaplain?

Lisa Schultz [00:04:01] Yeah, our current chaplain is a man named Barry Black, and he has been here, I think almost 20 years, maybe 19 years. He's a native from Baltimore, and he was a rear admiral in the Navy. He was the chief of chaplains for the Navy. And then he moved from the chief of chaplains in the Navy when he retired to be the Senate chaplain. So, he's the first naval chaplain. He is the first African-American chaplain, and he's also the first seventh day Adventist chaplain to be in the Senate.

Don Payne [00:04:34] Oh, interesting.

Lisa Schultz [00:04:35] A lot of firsts.

Don Payne [00:04:36] Okay. How long has he been in that role? Did you say that?

Lisa Schultz [00:04:41] Yeah, I think almost 20 years.

Don Payne [00:04:45] So you've worked for him the entire time?

Lisa Schultz [00:04:48] I've worked for him for about 15 years. So, a little bit after he started, yes. I came as his director of communications. I had been doing some evangelism work prior to my work with Chaplain Black that brought me to Capitol Hill for about five years and then transitioned into this role as actually a paid Senate staffer.

Don Payne [00:05:09] Now, you had mentioned to me before we started the recording that you had been in Austria, I think it was, right, for a few years, doing mission work.

Lisa Schultz [00:05:19] Yes. I grew up in a church going home, but I became a Christian through Young Life, actually in Colorado. And I was from Oklahoma City. And so, my high school took a trip out to Frontier Ranch, and that's when I came to Faith. And when I was in college, I wanted to learn more about my faith. So, I went to an eight-week Bible school in Austria and ended up staying for seven years. And then when I moved back, I moved to Washington, D.C. and actually I was really burnt out as a missionary and was wanting to take a break and just have, quote unquote, a normal job and ended up doing mission work on the Hill. So, I've really been kind of doing Christian work on Capitol Hill for 20 years.

Don Payne [00:06:08] Well, I guess you've kind of redefined normal then, if you want a normal job.

Lisa Schultz [00:06:13] Yeah.

Don Payne [00:06:13] Either that or you've continued to run from normal.

Lisa Schultz [00:06:17] Yes, yes. Yes, absolutely.

Don Payne [00:06:22] So you mentioned that you minister to the Senate community. I'm not familiar with that phrase, and you said, what, about 10,000 people overall?

Lisa Schultz [00:06:31] Yeah, two senators from every state and then they each have a large office of staff. And so, my role is really to focus on the staff and the chiefs of staff for every office. And then we have just support communities. So, we have people, we have carpenters in the Capitol, we have the sergeant at arms and the secretary staff. And so, it is a quite a bit, it's quite a large community that people, you know, normally don't think about when they think about the Senate.

Don Payne [00:07:03] Yeah, In my naivete, when I think about the Senate community, I think about 100 senators. So, it's far, far beyond that.

Lisa Schultz [00:07:12] Yes. And Capitol Police, we also, you know, put capitol police in that. We do a lot of work with ministering to the Capitol Police as well.

Don Payne [00:07:19] Okay. What's it like for your office? Maybe you personally, but also your office to interact with that, with the senators in particular?

Lisa Schultz [00:07:28] Mm hmm. Well, my boss does a lot of that. I do some of that. But he actually does a lot of the work one on one with senators. So, we provide spiritual counseling for them. Everything we do is really personal and confidential. And then we offer them a Bible study during the week because they're away from their faith communities. A lot of them will fly home on the weekends. Some stay here. And so this is just a great opportunity for them to really get spiritual nourishment when they're away from their home church or home religious body. And we serve also all faiths as well. So we do programs for people of the Jewish faith and then other faith groups. We have opportunities for them as well.

Don Payne [00:08:17] Okay. So in many respects, your chaplain role overall is like the chaplain role in the military or in more public settings hospitals. Where even if you're able to administer as a Christian, you still have responsibility to minister to people of, you know, across the spectrum, faith wise, right?

Lisa Schultz [00:08:39] Absolutely. Absolutely. It's really important that we do that as well. We are here to serve the religious body, which is diverse. I mean, we have majority Christians at the Senate, you know, the senators. But we do have a diverse religious body. So we are here to support people in that way, which is so wonderful, actually. And so much of what we do is private and confidential. So that's probably why you've not been aware of it. We try and kind of, you know, a lot of the work we do, it's important that it's private so we can be a safe space for people.

Don Payne [00:09:18] Sure. Have you. Have you found that senators in particular maybe, maybe the same holds true for the Senate community, but have you found that those to whom you, minister, have been more engaged with your services, particularly in the last couple of years, with all the turmoil we've experienced?

Lisa Schultz [00:09:37] Oh, that's a great question. I think that, yes, we had a lot of turmoil even before COVID hit. We had a year where we had the Kavanaugh hearings. And That was pretty wild. And then we had the Trump election; so the Trump election, the Kavanaugh hearings, and then we had the impeachment hearings. So we went through two impeachment hearings and then it was COVID. So, yes, I would say times before COVID were really, really stressful in a sense. We had a lot of, we felt almost the atmosphere changed, and then we had COVID. So we went, you know, online like everyone else did. And we just now feel like things are back to where they were kind of

pre-pandemic. But yes, there is complete need for ministry. And it's gotten to be more and more, as you know, things in the country have just changed. I'm sure you've felt that as well.

Don Payne [00:10:52] Well, yeah, it's kind of hard to define normal. Yeah, it's difficult now even to figure out what is normal, you know, so when things maybe slow down or calmed down a little bit, now we're just dealing with the typical levels of stress we already had. So, in your case now you're back in person, I suppose. But at the same time, now you're dealing with the January six hearings, and everything embroiled in that, right?

Lisa Schultz [00:11:21] Yeah. Oh yeah. I have it on right now. We, we all have TVs next to our desks.

Don Payne [00:11:26] Yeah. So you're watching that with your other eye. Right.

Lisa Schultz [00:11:30] And you know, at every coffee shop here on the hill and everything, you know, the news is all around. My office is right kind of around the corner from where we do the press, the hearings, the press conferences. And so we just feel it quite intensely, even just when we leave our office. So it's kind of all around and the atmosphere.

Don Payne [00:11:55] In the atmosphere, yeah. What is it like to work across that spectrum with such a wide array of individuals and faith groups? What's it like to do that as a Christian?

Lisa Schultz [00:12:10] Mm. Well, I think this is something that I actually wrote a paper on at Denver Seminary that was on the image of God, that God has created all people in his image. And so what does that mean to love people and to see the image of God in them? And I think that's the challenge. So it's a challenge just in general in life to work with religious diversity and plurality. But it's also here in the political realm. I'm working with people who have very different beliefs about what we should do politically. So it is something that I have had to learn to grow into in my time here.

Don Payne [00:12:59] How do you see the Lord show up? I mean, it's kind of clichéd language, I guess, but for lack of a better phrase, how do you see Christ show up in your role, particularly during some of the stressful, the unique stress, that comes with working with the Senate community? And maybe also during this, you know, this last couple of years, how have you seen the Lord show up?

Lisa Schultz [00:13:25] Yeah. So it's been my goal to have our office really be a place of peace and rest amidst the, you know, the atmosphere, this crazy atmosphere. And it has been my goal to have this be, another something I've learned from seminary. I can't remember the professor who came out and shared this, but he talked about the Garden of Eden. Like, when we're working within the kingdom, we are kind of back in the Garden of Eden spaces where things are just right and talking about building these Garden of Eden spaces wherever you go. And so I really feel that our office has been that, that people, you know, we go out and minister to people but today has been full of, just today for example, since it's on my mind, we've had numerous staff come into our office and one girl I just spent an hour with and she is in my Bible study on Monday and she wanted to tell me all about an opportunity that she had with her senator to pray for him and to spend some time with him and that she just wanted to; And we had been talking about that. How can she be a light in her office? And with the intern, she's the intern coordinator. So how can she do that in a way that would bring the kingdom to her space? And she came to me today and told

me all about it and it was very exciting. And we prayed. And then I had her pray for this podcast. So I think, you know, I could imagine this is how other ministry is, although I did just get ordained a couple of years ago in the Anglican Church and I've been doing more work in the church which I had never done before, and that is another beast. So church where everyone's really happy with what we do here. But I find that church work is very different. You know, there's just a lot of, yeah, people are unhappy sometimes with what you do. But here we just, you know, they come to us here. And it's a beautiful way to see God bring these opportunities. I'm constantly seeing the Lord bringing more and more opportunities for us, kind of showing up. So I felt like the Lord really today, you know, showed up for this girl and the way that he worked in her life this week and she wanted to testify about that was really encouraging to me.

Don Payne [00:15:55] Well, now that just encourages me so much to know or to be reminded of what the Lord is doing behind the scenes that much of the public would never know about. Probably, probably never even guess, You know, when you when you describe those conversations, those vignettes, I imagine most people are thinking I never would have guessed that that's kind of behind the scrim in the Senate community, that the Lord is doing that kind of thing.

Lisa Schultz [00:16:25] Absolutely. I mean, the Lord's always at work wherever we are, Right? And it seems like in the darker places, the light just shined brighter. And you see it. You see these pockets of, you know, there is Jesus, and there's Jesus, and he is renewing this, and he's working here even in the midst, you know, we tried during the second impeachment trial that came to the Senate with Trump. This is like two months before we got shut down for COVID. And the atmosphere around it was just, I mean, it was really, really hard. People were sleeping here. They were you know, they were not getting sleep. They were I mean, people were just working crazy hours and it just felt really stressful. And I decided what we would do is be kind of respite place. I thought, like, we need to be like the rest stop, we need to be like my mom's house that opens her doors with chocolate chip cookies and people come in and want to be there. And so we just told all the press and everyone who worked in the Capitol, we just said, come by, we have drinks, we have food, and we would make homemade food for them and be able to really engage in conversation and really be able to minister to people who are, yeah, really overworked and exhausted. So it's ways like that that I try and just find ways to be different and to share, to be salt and light really where, where I am.

Don Payne [00:17:58] That is that is so encouraging. And just as a sidebar, it impresses me that you're in an area of ministry where people are just so grateful for what you do. What a gift.

Lisa Schultz [00:18:11] I know, it is a gift to be. We really appreciated. And it is a gift. It as a gift to me, That people are just really grateful for what we do, that we're here.

Don Payne [00:18:26] Yeah. You know, on maybe a more sober note. How did the events of January six affect your role or maybe change your role? What was what was it like for you and your office that day? Were you there? Were you there in the capital that day?

Lisa Schultz [00:18:45] You know what? I was on a beautiful sandy beach and Sanibel Island, Florida.

Don Payne [00:18:50] Well, good for you.

Lisa Schultz [00:18:52] I mean, it was lovely. We were on the beach, I was on the beach with my kids. And I had taken a trip down there with three other families. And we were on the beach. And I remember that day, that morning, I knew things would be crazy. I knew it was just going to be a crazy day on the hill. And I told my staff, like, stay home, don't even come in. It's going to be a, you know, crazy day. And then I really, I felt the Lord say to me, you need to tell your boss to put on the armor of God. And I've never done that before. I've never texted him like right away in the morning about with the word, but I just said, you know what, I have this impression that you just need to before you go in today, put on the armor of God. And then I started getting text messages and of course, the capital alerts on my phone. And we raced to our beach house and turned on the TV. And it was just horrendous. I mean, I'm so grateful that I mean, it sounds terrible to say there was part of me that wanted to be here and to be with all these people and really be able to minister. But another part of me was just, I felt relieved that I did not have to kind of enter that trauma because I think it's been really traumatizing. There's been a lot of people who have retired or quit after that because it was it was so traumatic. You know, the people that were, you know, there was, just the stories are horrendous. And my boss, of course, was rescued by a Capitol policeman, just been a good friend of our office and he was able to be taken to the place where the senators were at and really ministered to them and spent a lot of time with the vice president being able to minister to him And the Capitol Police. So I'm really grateful that he was here and was able to do that and that, you know, he was safe, but it was I mean, things completely changed after that. The atmosphere again, it's not like just walking into a place of work. I think about the Supreme Court stuff right now. And I don't want to, you know, the other day when I drove in, they actually thought that they were having a protest over there and there was police everywhere. And I just called my mom and I said, I actually think I want to just go home. Like, I don't want to be here today because I'm terrified of what's going to happen when some of these rulings come down. So I think for all of us, especially people that were here, it's the safety, the violation that feeling safe has taken place. You don't feel safe anymore.

Don Payne [00:21:37] Yeah, I would imagine that's changed or maybe thickened the atmosphere for ministry, created even more ministry opportunities since then.

Lisa Schultz [00:21:46] Absolutely. Absolutely. Absolutely. Yeah. Because people, it just shows you, right, that you're not in control of your life. It's kind of like taking the foundation from underneath your feet and ripping it out. Right. And saying, wow, you know, things happen in life. And of course, then that's when people really start asking the hard questions, why am I here? What do I believe? So yeah, we've had a lot of those discussions with people.

Don Payne [00:22:16] Oh, I can only imagine. What, even though you're I mean, you're, in the middle of the political system in some ways and in other ways I suppose kind of speaking into it from like a side chamber or something like that. But you certainly have your finger on the pulse of things. And I'm curious, where do you see hope for us when there seems to be this eroding confidence overall in our political system.

Lisa Schultz [00:22:51] Mhm. Yeah. I just, I think I've been, I don't know, I was thinking about this. Where do we find hope? I mean, hope is found in Christ. I know that sounds like a trite thing to say, but I really do believe that, you know, Romans 8:28, that God works all things for good. That he uses even terrible, horrendous things for the good of people. That he is a God who is in control. That He raises up leaders and takes them down. So part of the reason that I feel like I've been able to be sane in this environment is that my hope is in something completely different than in

politics. While politics does a lot of good, and Christians should be involved and we want to make the world right, Right? That's part of bringing the kingdom.

Don Payne [00:23:39] Yeah. Why would you be doing it otherwise?

Lisa Schultz [00:23:41] Right. Right. Like these things are, we need to be involved in. But knowing that we are living in the not yet, you know, we are not living in the new heavens, and the new earth. We are not living where things, You know, I just don't expect much from the world and the brokenness and our sin nature. We say in the Anglican Church, we say the world, the flesh and the devil. And although it feels like there's more of that and maybe there is, just for me, it's really important to focus on the fact that God is still in control and that he is in control of the world. And every little thing that happens. If he cares about the number of hairs on my head, how much more does he care about who is in office or what kind of decisions we're making or what's happening? And so I try to focus on that for my hope, and not so much in the things that are happening because that's really elusive. That's really not where my hope is found.

Don Payne [00:24:53] So that's a great word, Lisa. And so timely because particularly in an environment like yours, which I think is really kind of in an intensification of the environment we all inhabit all the time. But it seems to be kind of concentrated and intensified in your world there in the capital. I don't know how people are sustainable when we don't have that hope in Christ to rest in, and all of our hope is vested in how things go or whether they go a particular way.

Lisa Schultz [00:25:34] Absolutely.

Don Payne [00:25:35] That's hanging the weight of our lives on a very precarious hook.

Lisa Schultz [00:25:45] Absolutely. Absolutely. I mean, God wants us to work, and we need to pray and all of these things. Right. We know that. But I think my boss has modeled this for me really well, because I can be stressed. I can be really stressed about my kids. I can be stressed about, you know, just all the personal stuff in my life. But he is very, very good. I mean, besides everything that's happening in the world and Ukraine and politics and January six and what's happening, it's just too much. And he has modeled that so well. He is very even keel. He has such a trust in the Lord that I think it enables, it's really been a good model for me to see him wade through the waters. Just kind of, he's just a steady, steady, he has a steady faith. And that's really helped me, especially after Trump won. it was funny, one of the chiefs of staff made these cards, it's right in front of me Right now, I have it on my desk. Christianity Today interviewed my boss and they said, you know, here's how 20 Evangelical leaders, pastors, authors and others weigh in on the 2016 election. And Chaplain Black said, I'm grateful, optimistic and satisfied. And he said, Grateful because first Thessalonians 5:18 says to give thanks and all things; optimistic because Romans 28, God works all things together for good; and satisfied because Philippians 4:12 says, I've learned in every state to feel contentment. And we've had one of the chiefs of staff put that on a little on a nice U.S. Senate card and passed these out to people. And I thought it was really, I think that it speaks to me about all of the situations that have happened even since then. And it's been a good reminder, right, that we've learned to be content in all circumstances.

Don Payne [00:27:45] I couldn't agree more. What a great way of framing all that and what a what a great gift to have spiritual leaders like that in the Capitol. Right. And yourself right in the epicenter of all these decisions that are being made that affect, in some cases, literally the entire world. And that we vest so much of ourselves in what goes on there in Capitol Hill.

Lisa Schultz [00:28:11] Yeah.

Don Payne [00:28:12] Lisa, I'm curious, how did you find your way to Denver Seminary and how has your program, You were in the M.A. Biblical Theological Studies program, How has that, you've already alluded to this to some extent, but how has your seminary education been instrumental for you in your role there? There's two questions, I guess. Yeah. How did you find your way to seminary?

Lisa Schultz [00:28:37] Well, my boss actually had talked to me for a number of years about going to seminary. He loves studying. He loves school. He has a number of advanced degrees. And I was the C student in high school. I was the one that was very social in college. And I got my social degree and I would say my Bible degree because I was in the church whenever it opened. But I just did not enjoy learning. And I think it was just harder for me. So it was something that, you know, he kept talking about and I said, No, no, no. I have young kids. There's no way, I have a full time job.

Don Payne [00:29:17] There's never a good time. Never a good time.

Lisa Schultz [00:29:20] Exactly. And I actually was at a women's conference on how to teach the Bible. And I just realized that there were so many bloggers that were blogging for women online. And I found a lot of what they said actually pretty terrible, you know, and they could have huge audiences, but really take the word of God and just say kind of whatever they wanted to say. And I thought at this conference, like, no, I want to be able to really know what the Bible says. And I've been a Christian for a while, but I've never really, I actually worked at a Bible school, but not having like deep theological studies. And so it took me a couple of years to get to that point. And then when I started looking, a friend of mine who was also looking to go to seminary said, Look, you do know that Denver Seminary has a campus like 10 minutes from your house and I couldn't believe it. I live probably 10 minutes from Glen Arden Baptist, and that is the best place to have a seminary class. It was just it was amazing. I went there for one of their devotions and it's, you know, majority-black and, and so here I was, this white woman showing up, and I loved it. Absolutely love it. So I just really, really so appreciated the friendships I made. We talked a lot about culture and what it feels like to be African-American in our country. And that was kind of, you know, during all of the race stuff happening. And so it's just like a beautiful time to grow in so many ways. But it's taken me five years, and with sometimes taking summer off and sometimes only doing one class at a time. But again, I'm not a studious person and it was really challenging for me. But now I mean, I would just recommend to, I do recommend it to everyone. It's really helped give me a good basis for what I'm teaching. And I am doing a lot of teaching here. I do a number of small groups and I think before my faith was, when I became a Christian at Young Life Camp, my faith was very emotive. God did something in my life. I assented to this belief. But now it's my heart and motive. But it's also like I have a lot of knowledge, and putting those both together has been really, really wonderful. So, I actually wonder if I should do more now, I've been bitten by the study bug. So I can't say I was the A student but I learned and I grew and that was the most important for me.

Don Payne [00:32:17] Yeah, that is by far the most important thing. It's not primarily about degrees, it's about learning. And you used a great phrase, just putting it all together, bringing that heart, that passion you had for the Lord together with a deeper understanding of his word and his

ways and you know, pulling that all together in a way that allows you to minister faithfully in some of the just the complexities and the brokenness that's got to be right in your face all the time.

Lisa Schultz [00:32:48] Yes. And the hard questions from a lot of intellectual people who come to these. They are very, very smart people and they have good questions. So it has really, really helped. Yeah.

Don Payne [00:33:02] Yeah. You're not ministering to dummies.

Lisa Schultz [00:33:06] No, their knowledge is far beyond mine in many ways. But yeah, it's been really helpful. I'm really grateful.

Lisa Schultz [00:33:20] And the experience at Glen Arden Baptist too. I cannot say enough about that. I mean, they just are doing amazing, amazing things there, so wow. That's just, that was like the cherry on top.

Don Payne [00:33:33] Yeah, they are. I was just there, at least as we're recording this episode, I was just there a couple of weeks ago again, and I'm always so energized by what the Lord is doing through that ministry at First Baptist and Glen Arden. Lisa, we're just deeply grateful for you, for what you're doing, for how you've been able to be a part of Denver Seminary, but for how you're using your education in this role. And just grateful for you and your staff and for Chaplain Black and everybody who behind the scenes is doing so much to be salt and light, as you mentioned, to be the kind of the presence of Christ there in the Senate. So may the Lord just encourage you and all your staff and empower you with this spirit for that ministry. We're so grateful for you.

Lisa Schultz [00:34:26] Yeah, Thank you. I appreciate that. Every day we pray, my boss, before he goes to give the prayer on the Senate floor, we pray that all of us, but especially Chaplain Black, too, would be filled with the Holy Spirit and with wisdom. So just a couple of things you just mentioned, so I really appreciate that.

Lisa Schultz [00:34:46] Thank you so much for having me. I'm really grateful.

Don Payne [00:34:49] It's been a treat. Yeah. Thanks for taking some time to be with us and to share what you're doing with all of our listeners. Friends, we've been interacting with Lisa Schultz, who is chief of staff for the U.S. Senate chaplain, and she's a recent Denver Seminary grad. And we're grateful for her and for all that she does. Lisa, maybe to end this up, tell us maybe one or two ways we can all pray for you.

Lisa Schultz [00:35:19] Oh, that's a great. great question. I guess the last prayer that I said, you know, I just feel like we're in constant need of being filled with the Holy Spirit and and wisdom. So that would be a great prayer. I'll always take prayers from my family. I have two boys, one is 12, and one's ten. So, you know, it's interesting.

Don Payne [00:35:48] Yeah. You got a lot going on, on the home front as well as the capitol.

Lisa Schultz [00:35:53] So yeah. But just, you know, pray for wisdom and the Holy Spirit. I have a group on Wednesday mornings that's staff from the capital that we do a hump day homily, we call it. So I always take prayers for that. And then on Monday I have a group of Senate staff that are

females. And I've been working with them for about three years now. We got together through the pandemic. So always prayers for them would be great. Thank you.

Don Payne [00:36:23] Okay. So, listeners, I'm going to ask you, when you hear this, take some time to pray for Lisa and her staff and Chaplain Black and everybody involved in and everything that they're doing. Friends, you've been with us at Engage360 from Denver Seminary. I want to remind you that you can contact us at our email address, which is podcast@DenverSeminary.Edu. I want to encourage you again to check out our Website, which is DenverSeminary.Edu. And if you go to the podcast link there, you can find all of our past episodes as well as full text transcripts for all these conversations. If you want to go back and revisit something somebody said, you can do that with our transcripts. We hope you'll give us a rating, a review on whatever podcast platform you tend to use and hope you'll visit us again real soon for our next episode. Thanks again and talk to you soon. Take care.