

*Series 7, Talk 9*

*Questions for Reflection*

What is important for us about Ryokan are his qualities. Reflecting this week on those, please name:

Qualities in Ryokan that you admire and emulate:

Qualities in Ryokan that you don't admire:

Qualities in Ryokan that you feel connect him to Dogen:

Qualities in Ryokan that show his stamina and strength, the opposite of his more-often emphasized childlike spirit:

What do you think of Ryokan's statement, "There is nothing better than saying nothing."

"He was indescribably relaxed. He taught others only by his presence." Given his hard life with severe difficulties, how do you think he managed to do this?