



**March 8th**  
**"Living Beyond Myself"**  
**"Just Jump In!"**

**Big Idea: "Taste and See that the Lord is Good."**

Finding a place of meaningful service in the church can be difficult. Needs are shared and we feel a tug at our hearts but how can we be sure we are gifted to meet the need. Are we equipped to care for infants, program a worship service, or comfort those in pain? Today's study offers some insights into how God can clarify our calling, our gifting and our passion. Our hope is we are led to a life joyfully serving others. Tasting and seeing that the Lord is Good!

**Open it:** Have you ever made a "great" purchase? A purchase that gave you joys? Have you ever made a purchase you regretted? Why was it a bad choice?

**Serving Gone Wrong:**

1. From your experiences what contribute to an enjoyable and effective lifestyle of service? What contributes to a not so good experience in serving?
2. Have you witnessed someone who stayed too long in either a wrong fit or an unsustainable serving commitment? What happened to them and their ministry?

**Serving Gone Right:**

1. Read Psalm 34:8: How can this truth be applied to this arena of serving? What "goodness" of God could you expect to encounter in having just a "taste" of a serving experience?
2. Read Ephesians 2:10. What does this verse indicate about God's role in our journey in our role to refine and maximize our serving potential?

**Reflect on it: Let's take some time to encourage the group with how God has gifted them.**

In our quest to Live Beyond Ourselves we are called to serve. God has gifted all of us with unique talents and we all have passions that need to cultivate. Answer the following questions as they relate to every member in your group. Have Fun!

1. In what situations have you seen me most energized? What do I absolutely love to do? What situations deflate me or make me weary?
2. Look at Romans 12:3-6 and quickly point out what gift or talent do you think I have?
3. What does everyone in the group admire about me?

**Do it:**

1. A lot of opportunities for people to be challenged and changed during this series have taken place. Pray that they will taste and see that god is Good.
2. Have everyone in the group pray that God would reveal a joyful avenue of service.

