



March 15th
"Living Beyond Myself"
"Doing Good"

Big Idea: "We are God's Workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works that he prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

The Chinese proverb says: a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. In the same way, a lifetime of serving begins with the first act of doing good. In today's lesson we will discover how we can recognize and then begin to meet needs that are all around us. Needs that are, in our home, where we work, where we go to school and in our community. We will look for that first step God may be asking each of us to take.

Open it: Can you think of a time when a small act of kindness made a huge impact, either in history or in your own life? Who has changed your life with a simple act of kindness?

Eyes to See:

1. Read Matthew 9:36-38. What do you notice about what Jesus sees and does?
2. What are the everyday needs of your family and workplace? How would you rate your general awareness and response to those needs?

Ears to Hear:

1. Read John 10:3-4. Have you ever sensed a prompting from God, the Shepherd, asking you to meet a specific need?
2. As you build your relationship with God, your closeness to him allows you to hear his promptings more clearly. How would you evaluate your closeness with God now?

Hearts and Hands to Do:

1. In the movie "Schindlers List" the freed Jewish prisoners share the quote from the Talmud, "He who saves one life, saves the world entire." How does that quote help you consider our role in meeting the vast needs around us?
2. Do you sense there is one need or one person in need that God is prompting you to help or serve? What is one step you can take this week to follow that leading and do good?

Prayer:

