



Frisco Bible Church Annual Theme 2017-2018

SERIES OVERVIEW

SERIES 1

Objective

what we hope to see God accomplish in us through this study

We do not grow weary in doing good.

STATEMENTS OF THE OBJECTIVE

"So follow the way of good people,
And keep to the paths of the righteous."
—Proverbs 2:20 HCSB

"But as for you, brethren, do not grow
weary of doing good."
—2 Thessalonians 3:13 NASB

"Fellow Elders, I think the church needs to follow Reformed (last year's great theme), with a call to engage. We should focus on re-involvement in ministry, creation of new ministries, and putting our 'money where our mouth is' in a general revival of volunteerism and growth in service. As we briefly covered in the Imagine series last year, we should concentrate on doing good in the congregation, in local politics, in our neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces, with the needy, and those who don't yet know their need for Christ"

—Dan Cox



Frisco Bible Church
a redeemed community

Premise

why we are studying this

Christians were for centuries known for doing good things—so much so that the delightfully pejorative term "do-gooder" was often applied to followers of Jesus. As Western culture began to decay, Christians and their churches began to pull away from their biblical calling to good works. The reasons are manifold and fascinating to consider, but the bottom line is that Jesus' people need to once again rise up and use their considerable powers for good.

STATEMENTS OF THE PREMISE

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more."
—Luke 12:48

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."
—Romans 12:21

"I think God sometimes uses completely inexplicable events in our lives to point us toward Him. We get to decide each time whether we will lean in toward what is unfolding or back away... God is always trying to save lives, and it seems like He usually uses the least likely people to do it. So the next time God asks you to do something that is completely inexplicable...something that might even save lives, say yes."

—Bob Goff
Love Does

Theme

what the study is about

Our default setting of selfishness combines with a world that craftily manipulates good intentions—and all the while Satan actively battles our discipleship. The result is that doing good is not always very easy. Thankfully, God's Spirit makes us more than conquerors whose tombstones really can read, "This one used God's empowerment for good."

STATEMENTS OF THE THEME

"Those who repay evil for good
attack me for pursuing good.
LORD, do not abandon me;
my God, do not be far from me.
Hurry to help me,
Lord, my Savior."
—Psalm 38:20-22 HCSB

"I told them how the gracious hand of my God had been on me, and what the king had said to me. They said, "Let's start rebuilding," and they were encouraged to do this good work."
—Nehemiah 2:18 HCSB

"Mankind, He has told you what is good and what it is the LORD requires of you:
to act justly,
to love faithfulness,
and to walk humbly with your God."
—Micah 6:8 HCSB

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Session 1 : For Goodness' Sake

Scriptures: Romans 12:6-8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways has God challenged you to accomplish something for which you had to depend on Him for everything?
2. When have you grown weary of doing good for someone else? Share your experience with the group. What was it that wore you out? What was the outcome?
3. Read Romans 12:6-8. Discuss the relationship between spiritual giftedness and doing good.
 - a. How are *you* spiritually gifted?
 - b. How do our different spiritual gifts complement one another?
 - c. Considering our unique blend of spiritual gifts, what ministries or outreach opportunities could we participate in as a group?
4. In what ways have the standards of “acceptable” behavior among Christians shifted over the years?
5. Despite ever-shifting standards, how can we do better in pursuing righteousness and goodness?
6. What specific impact could we have as a church on our community and the world if we seek to do good whenever and wherever we can?
7. The stated objective of this series is that we do not grow weary in doing good. In what ways do you see the need to take on this responsibility?
8. Our annual theme for 2017-18 is “Use Your Powers for Good.” As Christians, the power of God’s Spirit is at work in our hearts and minds, and He empowers us to will and to work for Him (Philippians 2:13).

Pray that God will show you how you can bring Him glory by doing good to those around you—daily, weekly, and monthly.

Pray for each other during this week. Write prayer requests on the back of this page.



Session 2 : Do Justly

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Psalm 82:2-4, Leviticus 19:15, Romans 12:19, Proverbs 28:4, Micah 3:8, Colossians 4:1, 2 Thessalonians 3:13, Isaiah 56:1

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13. Discuss the relationship between a heart devoted to God and a life devoted to people who have been marginalized and mistreated.
2. Share your experiences helping people who have been marginalized and mistreated.
3. What social problem is described in Psalm 82:2 and Leviticus 19:15?
 - a. What are some current examples of this in our city and state?
 - b. What does God want us to do about it based on Psalm 82:3-4?
4. How does sacrificially living for righteousness and justice reflect the Gospel?
5. Read Romans 12:19. When seeking to fight injustice, what must Christians avoid? Why?
6. How can each of the following actions help us to do justly? Discuss specific examples or applications of each one.
 - a. Seek God—Proverbs 28:4
 - b. Speak truth—Micah 3:8
 - c. Do right in your daily life—Colossians 4:1
 - d. Take the long view—2 Thessalonians 3:13 and Isaiah 56:1
7. How can we more actively respond to injustice in our community?

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Session 3 : Love *Hesed*

Scriptures: Micah 6:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The commodities in our culture seem to be increasingly disposable. Many repair shops have disappeared as nearly every broken or aging item is simply discarded and replaced with a new one.
 - a. How has this trend impacted your life?
 - b. In what ways have you adopted a disposable attitude?
2. How does God's unlimited faithfulness, mercy, grace, and kindness impact your relationship with Him?
3. Why do you think it is so easy for Christians to abandon their commitments?
 - a. To marriage vows
 - b. To their local church
 - c. To their close friends
 - d. How would a deeper understanding of loving *hesed* help people keep these commitments?
4. How do times of great stress or deep emotional wounds impact our faithfulness?
5. Why is it so hard, this side of heaven, to rejoice always?
6. How can we help each other to honor our commitments and keep our promises?
7. How can we avoid enabling others to sin when we are extending *hesed* to them?
8. How does loving *hesed* connect with helping the marginalized and mistreated?
9. Pray together that God's unconditional *hesed* would become a reality in our daily living.

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Session 4 : Walk Humbly With God

Scriptures: Genesis 3:1-5, 1 Peter 5:6-8, Micah 6:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did Satan appeal to Adam and Eve in the Garden?
2. Why is pride so difficult to conquer?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:6-8.
 - a. Identify the specific commands and promises of these verses.
 - b. How will these actions and characteristics help us walk humbly with God?
4. Doing good in humility does not always ensure our ideal results will follow. Why should we not let that discourage us from engaging in our community?
5. "Availability is the greatest ability we can have for God's eternal purpose." —Dr. John McArthur
In what ways does God want **you** to make yourself available?
6. Review together the Objective, Premise, and Theme of this series from page 1. How has this series impacted your desire to "Use Your Powers for Good"?

Opportunities as well as difficulties are bound to show up when the theme is "do good." The strength of the Church and the individual believer is found in prayer. When you feel called to serve, enlist your brothers and sisters in the faith to pray continuously with you and for you, through the peaks and the valleys.

- Let us pray for the church congregation—that everyone will serve.
- Let us pray for eyes to see, and hearts to respond to, the opportunities to serve others.
- Let us pray for the elders and the church staff.

**"He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness [*hesed*],
and to walk humbly with your God?"
— Micah 6:8 —**

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