

God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things

Object Lesson (Need Package of Baking Soda and Bottle of Vinegar)

Show kids plain ordinary baking soda. There's probably a box of these in everybody's fridge. It is plain and ordinary, nothing really special... until it meets its exciting friend vinegar! Add them together and watch the reaction you'll see (probably want to manage the mess and do a small demo for each class).

(Application) Each of us is like this baking soda. We are regular ordinary people and this vinegar is like Jesus! When we meet Jesus we can do some exciting things with our life. Let's look at Gideon in the Bible to understand this further.

Read Gideon summary attachment from Judges 6-8 (Attached)

Follow Up Questions:

- Who came to Gideon in the beginning?
- What did the angel call Gideon when they first met?
- What did the angel want Gideon to do?
- How many people joined Gideon's army first?
- Why was that too many people?
- How many people did Gideon take to battle?
- Why so few?
- How did they defeat the Midianites?

Gideon was an ordinary person. He was a farmer, and a timid one at that. When God called him to deliver Israel from the Midianites, Gideon's initial response was "How can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house". God promised that He would be with Gideon and that he would be able to accomplish what he had been asked to do. Gideon's obedience brought victory to Israel, and he is listed as one of the great heroes of faith (Heb. 11:32).

Many other individuals played a significant part in this plan to save the Israelites from a strong enemy force. God provided Gideon with 300 men, valiant heroes all, to win the battle. We are not told their names, but their bravery and obedience are recorded in the Scriptures.

Today, God is still calling ordinary people to do His work and assuring us that He will be with us as we do. Because we are ordinary people being used by God, it's obvious that the power comes from God and not from us.

Show kids a survival bracelet. Notice how simple it is, how ordinary and plan it looks. Did you know that in the right hands, this ordinary wristband can become an extraordinary tool? Let me name a few:

1. *Secure a tent*
2. *Secure a tarp between trees*
3. *Hang tools from your belt*
4. *Hang tools from around your neck*
5. *Secure things to the outside of your backpack*
6. *Make a tourniquet*
7. *Secure a splint*
8. *Make a sling for your arm*
9. *Make an emergency belt to hold your pants up*
10. *Make emergency suspenders*
11. *Replace a broken bra strap (it happens)*
12. *Replace broken or missing shoe laces*
13. *Repair a zipper pull*
14. *Secure your boat or skiff to a tree*
15. *Make a tow line; double or triple up for extra strength*
16. *Create a makeshift lanyard*
17. *String a clothesline*
18. *Hang something up off the ground*
19. *Rig a pulley system*
20. *Make traps and snares*
21. *Replace damaged or missing draw strings in packs, bags and sweat pants*
22. *Keep rolled up items secure*
23. *Create a neckerchief slide*
24. *Tie objects together for easier transport*
25. *Make a rope*
26. *Make a hammock*
27. *Make a sack for carrying groceries or gear*
28. *Bundle stuff together*
29. *Tie tall garden vegetable plants to stakes*
30. *Make a pet leash*
31. *Make a pet collar*
32. *Secure a garbage-bag rain poncho around your body to keep you dry*
33. *Hang food in trees to keep the bears away*
34. *Tie stuff down so it will not blow away in a storm*
35. *Create a trip wire*
36. *Create makeshift hand cuffs*
37. *Tie bad guys or intruders to a tree or chair*
38. *Tie people together on a trail so that they keep together*
39. *Identify members of a group using different colored armbands or bracelets*
40. *Use as sewing thread (inner threads)*
41. *Use as fishing line (inner threads)*
42. *Emergency dental floss (inner threads)*

43. *Emergency suture material (inner threads) when there is nothing else available*

This tiny insignificant ordinary thing can do all of that! I am certain that this list for all he can accomplish with your life is even longer than that!

A life like Gideon's life takes us submitting to God. When a writer submits a piece of writing to a magazine, or a publisher, they do tons of research first. They want to know what the publication is looking for, what kind of content matters to them, what their audience is like. They spent hours and hours, not to mention sweat and tears, refining this idea to make it perfect. They labored over this piece of art, this article, or book. They spent days, weeks, even years sometimes on the couch, or in coffee shops, early in the morning, or late at night.

Then, the writer "submits" it to the editor or publisher and says, with as much confidence as they can muster, "this is the best I can do. I've given you everything I have. But I realize I might have missed some things. Will you help me make it better?" Writer gives them full reign to open the document, to use a red pen. They make some changes (which are mandatory), and some suggestions (which are not).

Then, the writer takes it back and get back to work.

The process of "submission" in the life of a writer is never over. A writer is never done refining, working, making things better. They are never done putting their art on the line.

What if we submitted our lives to God like a writer submits a paper. We worked honoring God with our life, day and night, trying to make them beautiful? We spent effort getting to know God, what matters to him, what he loves and hates. We really worked at following Jesus. And then, when we felt like we were really onto something, we went to God and said:

"God this is the best I can do. I've given you everything I have. But I realize I might have missed some things. God will you make it better?"

That's what Gideon did. That's what I want to do. That's how we all should try to do with our lives.

Gideon - Judges Chapter 6-8

The Israelites did evil in the sight of the Lord, so he gave them over to Midian. The Midianites overpowered them, and the people of Israel would hide from them in dens and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites would plant crops the Midianites and Amalekites would come and burn all their crops and would even steal or kill all their animals. The Israelites felt hopeless and cried out to God for help.

One day an angel came to a man named Gideon, the son of Joash, while he was beating wheat in a winepress to stay hidden from the Midianites. The angel said to him, "The Lord is with you mighty man of valor." The angel commanded Gideon to go and save Israel from the Midianites. Gideon was concerned though he asked, "How can I save Israel my family is the weakest in the land, and I am the least even in my father's house." The Lord said to Gideon "I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man. Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die."

Gideon tested God he said, "If you're plan is to save Israel by my hand like you said I am going to lay this wool on the floor. If in the morning the wool is damp, and the ground around it is dry I will know this is from you." When he woke up that morning the wool was damp enough that Gideon filled a bowl with the water he ringed out. Then Gideon said, "Don't be angry Lord, but I want to check one more time that it's really you. I am going to put the wool out again, but this time you keep the wool dry and make the ground wet from the dew." When Gideon woke up that morning it was done. The ground was wet from the dew, but the wool was still dry.

Gideon took all the people who were with him just south of the camp of Midian by the spring of Harod. The Lord said, "There is too many people with you Gideon. I don't want the Israelites to be able to brag about what they have done, but only what I have done through them." Gideon told them "anybody who is scared is free to go home." Then 22,000 men returned home, and only 10,000 men were left for battle. The Lord said, "There is still too many people take them down to the water, and I want you to send all the men home that drink from their hands. You are to only keep the men who drink the water like a dog does." Gideon kept all the men that drank the water like a dog and there were 300 men in total. The Lord said, "With these 300 men I will deliver the Midianites into your hand."

That night was when the Lord told Gideon to strike against the camp. Gideon divided the men into three groups of 100, and gave each of them a trumpet and a glass jar with a torch in it. Gideon said, "When I get to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. When I blow the trumpet everybody on the other sides of the camp blow your trumpets and shout, 'For the lord and for Gideon!'" In the middle of the night they gathered around the Midianites camp, and when Gideon blew on his trumpet and threw his torch on the ground everyone else followed. All the men around the camp screamed "for the Lord and for Gideon!" All the armies below panicked and began to kill each other. The ones who didn't die ran as far as they could, but Gideon commanded the soldier to capture and kill the two princes of Midian.

God can even use those of us who mess up

Object Lesson 1- (Depending on time, use water filtration bucket at start of class. Show dirty water being put in and come back at the end of the class and have a drink of the clean purified water)

Object Lesson 2 - Materials: Bucket that is damaged or has holes in it

Start the class by showing a bucket w holes or large cracks. Ask kids what is the broken bucket is good anymore. (Some difficult kids may try to argue so be ready to explain that it cannot do what it was made for-- to carry liquid.)

Questions:

What should we do? Trash it? Throw it away?

Hold it! Not yet!

(Application) Someone fixes broken vessels!

Read **Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NIV)**

At the Potter's House

18 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2 "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." 3 So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. 4 But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. 5 Then the word of the Lord came to me. 6 He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel."

Did you know each of us is like this broken bucket! Because of bad choices we have dings and dents and cracks. Sin is Bad choices we think, say or do. We all sin, we all mess up! We are all like this bucket; none of us is perfect-- we all mess up. Did you know that God can even use those of us who mess up!

Yes, the Lord can fix any broken vessel. He does it by re-creating them. There is no need to cast that shattered vessel aside; all that needs to be done is to take it to the Master Potter. He will turn it into a new vessel. Let's look at one of Jesus, favorite broken vessels—Peter

Read **Matthew 16:13-23** (NIV)

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth will be lost in heaven." 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Jesus Predicts His Death

21 From that time on, Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Peter calls Jesus messiah and then called Satan.

- We just read 2 stories, what was the first story about?
- Jesus asks his 12 disciples who people say He is, what do they say?
- Then Jesus asks another question: who do YOU say that I am? what did they say? Peter answered you are the Christ, the Messiah! Does anyone know what "the Christ" or "The Messiah" means? Basically messiah means the coming king.
- What did Jesus say to peter? v17 Jesus gives Peter a pretty great compliment: blessed are you for the Father revealed this to you not man.

So in this first story, Peter did good!

Now let's talk about the second story that followed immediately after that last story. Jesus starts to tell his 12 disciples that he must go to Jerusalem where he would end up on a cross. That's when Peter messes up.

- What does he tell Jesus? Peter tells Jesus that he cannot go to die on the cross!

- What does Jesus tell Peter? "Get behind me Satan"! Jesus calls Peter the Devil! (Just a few minutes before this, Jesus is giving Peter major compliments, but now he's calling Peter the Devil!)

I guess you could say Peter messed up. He put a major ding in his bucket on that one, but Jesus keeps on loving him! Peter messed up big time but still Jesus loves him. Jesus didn't fire him or kick him out of the 12 disciples club. Jesus didn't say, "I'm not your friend". Jesus corrected Peter and moved on.

So I bet you think from this point Peter was super sorry and never messed up again. Maybe he turned into the best Jesus follower ever, and lived a sin free life from this point on because he learned his lesson, right? Wrong! Peter messed up again later! Let's look and learn from Peter.

Read **Luke 22:31-33** (ESV)

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." 33 Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."

At last supper Peter declares he will follow Jesus no matter what. What happened here? Peter tells all his buddies that he's going to follow Jesus no matter what! Jail or death doesn't scare Peter, no sir. He's a Jesus follower no matter what. v34 Jesus warns Peter that he will deny Jesus 3 times before the rooster crows. But then later that same night...

Read **Luke 22:54-62** (ESV)

Peter Denies Jesus

54 Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. 55 And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. 56 Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." 57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." 58 And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." 59 And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." 62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

Peter disowns Jesus. 3 times Peter tells people he doesn't know Jesus and then the rooster crows, and he remembers Jesus words, so he cries. Jesus doesn't yell or get angry; he just lets Peter know he messed up.

Here's the cool thing, Jesus uses messed up like me and you and Peter. After this mess up, Peter locks back in with Jesus and tries again. Peter actually helps tell the world of the hope they have in Christ, and Peter even started the very first church ever. You see, God can even use those of us who mess up.

The key to being used by God is the word "repent". Repent is a military word. It is the same as saying "about-face". When the military is marching and the commander says "about-face" everybody turns the opposite way. If they are walking left and they hear the word "about-face" they all start walking to the right. If walking north and they hear "about-face" they start walking south. Repent is the same way, if they are walking east and they get the order to repent, they start walking west. Peter is a great example of an "about-face" life. He messes up and dings his life bucket, so what does he do? Repent and get back to following Jesus. We can do the same thing. We admit we sin and get back to following Jesus. Because we all know that God can even use those of us who mess up.

(If you used the water filtration system at the begging of class, you can go to this application and close your time)

It's like a water purification system! Dirty water goes in and clean drinking water comes out. Start with water, add dirt, and drink clean water that comes out the spigot as an object lesson to close.

- Jesus cleans our mess and uses it to help others who are thirsty.

Stay focused and don't get distracted

Object Lesson (Legos)

Show the kids a bucket full of Legos and talk about how at this point this is just a mess of Legos. No one can tell what this is going to be, it is just a mess. (Ask the kids) What are some things we can do to make this mess usable? (Wait for answers) We could just start trying and imagine something and see if we can figure something cool to make this mess into... but then it would not be what it was meant to be would it? It would be something, but you may have leftover parts and pieces. If we did it that way, the finished product would not be all it was meant to be, would it? What do you need to make sense of this mess? The instructions manual!

(Application)

In order for this mess to turn out like it was meant to be, we need the instructions! Our life is just like Legos! We can just try making stuff up and guessing and trying to imagine the best way to have a great life. That might work for a while, but just like the Legos, the finished product would not be all it was meant to be. We can try to make something out of it, but without the instructions manual, we will never be all that we were created to be if we do not use the instructions manual. B.I.B.L.E. = Basic Instructions Before Life Ends. In order to have a life that is all we were created to be, we need to follow the instructions. For those of us who are already committed to following Jesus, that means we need to STAY FOCUSED. We need to keep becoming more like Jesus every day. That means reading our instruction manual (The Bible) daily to make sure our blocks of life are lining up with the maker's manual. It is so easy to get distracted with life. There are tons of things trying to steal our attention and get our eye off the prize. Today we will look at a guy in the Old Testament named Joseph.

Read Joseph summary (Attached)

That is from **Genesis 36-50**

- Who was the hero of this story?
- What cool thing happened to him in the beginning
- What was the first horrible thing to happen to him?
- How did the story end?

God gave Joseph a picture of what He wanted for his life in a dream as a young man. Thru out his life, Joseph had a lot of opportunities to get distracted! His brothers sold him into slavery--DISTRACTION! Potiphar's wife starts to hit on Joseph--DISTRACTION! He gets forgotten in prison--DISTRACTION! His brothers come begging him for food and he has opportunity for revenge--DISTRACTION! Joseph was able to keep his focus on God's plan! How can we do that? Read the instruction manual- our Bible.

You can't hear God when your mind is crowded with thoughts, worries, fears, and plans, or if you always have the radio or TV on. And if you constantly have your phone against your ear, when God calls all he gets is a busy signal! Anybody here have a problem with distractions of worries? Fears? Too many video games?

Read **Luke 8:5-15** (ESV)

5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

The Purpose of the Parables

9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

You can't hear God when your mind is crowded with thoughts, worries, fears, and plans, or if you always have the radio or TV on. All of these distractions are what Jesus was referring to in Luke 8 when he talked about the seed falling in the weeds. This verse says those weeds grew with the seed and strangled it.

Now notice that this scenario is a little bit better than the shallow soil because the seed actually sprouts and grows. But the weeds choke it out so it never bears fruit. So many people hear God speak, but as they go on their way, life's worries, riches, and pleasures choke them, so they never mature.

If you are always on the go and you can't hear God, you are facing the barrier of busyness. Often we confuse busyness with productivity and they aren't the same thing. If you keep going, going, going but you aren't spiritually growing, growing, growing, you are busy, not productive.

Jesus says distractions are like weeds that grow up in your mind and heart, just as weeds grow in a garden. There are three types of weeds that will keep you from hearing God's voice:

Worries – The Greek word for worry is merimna, which means “pulled in different directions.” When you are pulled in different directions, you are worried. And when you are worried, you can't hear God.

Riches – You can be so busy making money, or getting money or figuring a way to have money. You cannot love money and God. You will always end up loving one and using the other. We want to make sure we are not using God and loving money. We always want to love God and use money.

Pleasures – God gives you pleasures, and they are a good thing. But you can get so busy pursuing pleasures and fun that you forget to pursue God as well. Fun cannot be the only reason we do or don't do stuff. God should be the reason we do or don't do stuff.

How much effort does it take to grow weeds? None. Weeds are a sign of neglect. When you neglect your time with God, the weeds start to grow in your life. In order to overcome the weeds, you must learn to overcome your preoccupied mind. Keep your focus on God and do not get distracted.

You can't do life alone

Object Lesson: (Materials – 3-4ft dowel rods, spoons, tape, bowls, can of whipped cream)
Prepare 4ft rods with spoon on the end of each rod and bowls of whip cream to eat. Get 2 kids to "race", the first to finish wins. Do not say the first to eat all of theirs. Say, "the first to finish wins". Kids will not be able to feed themselves but if worked up and hyped up enough then they will make a big mess trying! Then simply show them how they could have easily fed each other and then when one finished they both would have won.

Application: This is how God intended his people to live. Helping each other!

Read **Luke 5:17-26** (NIV) Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. **19** When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? **23** Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? **24** But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." **25** Immediately he stood up in

front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Ask kids to Name the characters:

*Jesus

*Pharisees and teachers

*The crowd

*A paralytic

*4 friends

Ask kids: What happened in the story?

Sum up of the story:

Four men arrive late, carrying a paralyzed man on his bed. When they realize that they cannot possibly get him through the door, they carry their helpless paralytic friend upstairs to the roof, remove part of the roof and lower the bed in front of Jesus as He is speaking. Their determination to place him before Jesus displays their faith that he would be healed. Instead of being deterred by the problem of the crowds, they see the possibilities for solving it. If they could only get their friend to Jesus, they thought, things would go well. The persevering efforts of the four friends pay off for their paralytic friend as they help make possible his spiritual healing as well as his physical healing.

Ask kids: Is there anyway the paralyzed man could have done this alone?

Answer is No! Christ followers are the same way! You can't do life alone! You need a church and a church needs you! If you love Jesus then you need to be plugged into a church.

Relate story to Modern Time:

Jackie Robinson was the first black man to play Major League baseball. In his first season with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Robinson faced venom nearly everywhere he traveled. Pitchers threw fastballs at his head. Runners spiked him on the bases; brutal epithets were written on cards and spoken from the opposing dugouts. Even the home crowds in Brooklyn saw him as an object of reproach. During one game in Boston, the taunts and racial slurs seemed to reach a peak. To make matters worse Robinson committed an error and stood at second base humiliated while the fans hurled insults at him. Another Dodger, a Southern white man by the name Pee Wee Reese, called timeout. He walked from his position at shortstop toward Robinson at second base, and with the crowds looking on; he put his arm around Robinson's shoulder. The fans grew quiet. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his

career.

Jackie needed Reese and baseball needed Jackie Robinson. Jackie was said he was going to quit baseball but he got a hug from a friend. Some days we are stuck feeling like Jackie and we need a friend! Other days we need to be that friend to somebody how is different and having a bad day!

As Jesus followers, we get that at church! We need a church and the Church needs us! You can't do life alone. The first step away from God is a step away from His people. God didn't make you to do life alone and wants you to be a part of community!

Additional Passages and questions if time permits

Read **Hebrews 10:19-25**

- Count the number of times the words “us” and “we” are used...with this in mind do you think God intended Christianity to be a solo or a team sport? (Answer – Team Sport)
- According to Hebrews 10:25...does God want His people meeting together on a consistent basis? (Answer – Yes)

Some would argue that church is just not that big of a deal, with that in mind let's work through the following verses...

- Read **Matthew 16:18** - who did Jesus say the church belonged to? (Answer – Jesus) (Follow up...if something belongs to Him is it important?)
- Read **Ephesians 1:22**—who is the Head of the Church? (Answer – Jesus) (Follow up...would Jesus really sit at the head of something that is unimportant?)
- Read **Ephesians 3:10**—does Jesus want the church to “contain” or “proclaim” His message? (Answer – Proclaim)
- Read **Ephesians 3:20-21**—does Jesus have small or great plans for His church? (Answer – Great)
- Read **Revelation 22:16-21**—what is the ONE ORGANIZATION that is still standing when everything else on earth has been destroyed (hint...the answer is in verse 16!)

To sum it up: you can't do life alone! You need church and church needs you! Church isn't about just going to service and Sunday school and trying to sit still and learn. Church is about close friends coming together to make a big deal of our big God and all he's done for us.