

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What type of pride do you struggle with? High or low self esteem? How does this message and these passages impact your view of yourself? How should you be viewing yourself in relationship to God?
2. How has God used what you have given him in the past? Think of examples of when you offered whatever you had to God and he did something big with it? How does God want to use you in an ongoing way? How does God want to use your service on Sept. 30? Pray and ask God to direct you on that day. Look on the church website at some of the ways you could be involved. Commit to serving others in some way on that day.
3. **Bonus Question:** (This question is only for those who really want to think and apply this message in a different but related way.) If the principle is “God uses the small to accomplish the big,” how does this message apply when you are the biggest church (group of people) in town and are adding space to become even larger? How important do those small acts each of us can do as a part of this body become the larger we get?

**Please be sure to put Sunday, September 30 in your calendar as our special “Don’t *just* go to church—*be* the church” day. Plan to get involved in some of the activities that are being planned for that day.**

## The Ripple Effect

Sermon Series: Don’t *Just* Go To Church: *Be* the Church!  
Pastor Bryan Hoke, September 23, 2007

Is bigger always better?

GOD USES THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO ACCOMPLISH THE \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 13:31-33 (Blue Church Bible Page 691)

- Twin Stories
- The Kingdom of Heaven refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- The sharp contrast between how it begins and how it ends = from a \_\_\_\_\_ beginning to an \_\_\_\_\_ end result

A Few Other Examples

I Corinthians 1:27-29 (Blue Church Bible Page 807)

- God uses \_\_\_\_\_. They play a part. But it is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ from start to finish.
- This is for God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

How will you respond?

The Ripple Effect

What will you give to God and allow him to transform into something that brings him glory?

*Ephesians 3:20-21: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*