

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
"Do Good"
Selected Passages
Week of January 15, 2017

Central Truth: Our calling by God is higher than to simply avoid evil; he calls us to do good.

1. As you reflect on your life, which regret do you have more: (a) regret of action (wishing you had not done what you did do) or (b) regret of inaction (wishing you had done what you did not do)? Explain your answer.
2. Review your sermon notes, then compare and contrast the sin of commission and the sin of omission. Give examples of each. Which one is more difficult for you? Why?
3. Read these Bible verses and quote from the sermon. How do they speak to you?
 - *"Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'" – Matthew 25:45*
 - *"So whoever know the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." – James 4:17*
 - *"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." – Dietrich Bonheiffer*
 - *"Failing to do what is good is just as grievous to God as succeeding at what is evil. You can do nothing wrong yet do nothing right." – Pastor Michael*
4. In light of the teaching on the sin of omission, Pastor Michael gave a "2017 Challenge" to commit to doing good and being a part of the solution, instead of ignoring the unpleasant realities of life. Share commitments to "do good" that you will consider making in the key areas that he identified:
 - a. Family relationships
 - b. Injustice in the world
 - c. Love for those who are far from God
5. What one insight from the message or today's discussion seems most personally significant to you right now, and what action can you take in the next week to start putting it into practice?
6. Pray for the 2017 Challenge commitments that you and your group members are ready to make.