



# A GOOD THING IS A GOD THING

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**Focus** Sometimes the key to discovering God's perfect will for our lives involves simply doing something good. If we do a good thing in faith and the right motivation it may turn out to be a God-thing. Rather than limit ourselves by doing nothing as we wait on a sign, we should engage our faith and do the good things God places in our hearts.

**Fun** Who's your favorite comedian? What is it about him or her that makes you laugh? If you can think of an example share it with the group.

**Review** Key Scripture: Luke 1:1–4

- Doing a good thing can often be a God-thing. Luke wrote one of the gospels because it seemed like a good thing to give a report on Jesus. Often when we step out and do a good thing, God turns it into a God-thing.
- It's true that there are good things that are not God-things. However, there are indicators that a good thing may in fact be a God thing. When it's done to minister to an individual, when it takes true-faith and when there's a God-honoring purpose, it often is a God-thing.
- People can become limited in accomplishing God's purpose for their life if they wait around for a supernatural sign from heaven before they act. God speaks in a still small voice, and when He stirs our heart to do something good, He will take it and make it a God-thing.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** With Easter just around the corner, now is the perfect time to think of a creative and fun outreach idea to do with your group. Take some time to talk and pray with those in your group to think of a fun and innovative way to invite people to come to church on Easter. You may even want to use one of your group nights strictly for the purpose of going out with everyone so that you can invite people to church. Be creative and have fun.

## Discuss

1. Read Luke 10:29–37. In this story, the Samaritan does something that is good. What would a modern-day example of this story look like? How could doing good to someone like that actually be a God-thing?
2. Can you think of something in your life that has been a God-thing? Did that start out as being a good thing? If so, how?
3. Sometimes we do what we think is a good thing, but it's not a God-thing. Can you think of a time you did something good, but later realized it wasn't a God-thing? Share with the group.
4. What are some of the ways you can tell the difference between a good thing that is *not* a God-thing and a good thing that *is* a God-thing?
5. Often people don't do anything because they're waiting for a supernatural sign from heaven. Why do you think God sometimes prompts our hearts to action by using good ideas?
6. A moving ship is easier to steer than one resting in a harbor. How does doing good position us to be more readily used by God?

## Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- God's Word promises that He will direct our every step.
- If we're unsure of God's will then start doing good.
- Doing good can help us to discover God's will for our lives.
- A good thing when committed to the Lord can become a God-thing.

## Prayer

Father, thank You so much for Your love and grace that's in our lives. Your Word promises that if we commit our ways to You, You'll direct our steps. Tonight in faith we commit our paths to Your hands. We trust that no matter what we're facing You have a hope and a future for us that's good. Please give us wisdom in each situation we face. We love You! Amen.

## \*New Leader Tip\*

Be encouraged that you're helping to build the kingdom of God when you love others or pray with someone in need of comfort. It's the little acts that can make such an impact and put a smile on God's face. When we give to others, we're giving to the Lord. Keep up the good work.