

## Sermon Discussion Guide 4-7-13



Sermon Title:	"Hands that Sweep"
Scripture:	Colossians 3:17

Key Verse: <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

Summary: This series is titled "These Hands: What Are You Doing with Your Life?" God made us all uniquely. Our hands can offer things that are uniquely us. Many of us feel our hands can't be used by God, but he will use all of who we are—our pasts included. Whatever we do with our hands, we can do it to honor God. In being faithful in the small things we can find meaning in what God has called us to do.

Discussion Starter: What are some of the ways your hands have been used? Did it feel meaningful or meaningless? What is "in your hand"? (Meaning what unique abilities has God given you?) If you draw a blank ask others to tell you what gifts that they see in you.

Read & Discuss: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 27. Who is it that is working through us when we serve? How should that impact how we feel about what we are doing? How do we simply make ourselves available? What are some of the things that make us not feel like a part of Christ's body?

Romans 12:6-8- Do you identify with any of these gifts? Or see them in others in your group? What gifts would you add to this list?

Ephesians 2:8-10- Why do you think we struggle with believing we have something to offer God or others? What does this passage tell us about God? What does it tell us about ourselves? Why is the word "handiwork" important here?

Closing Prayer: Dear Jesus- you know us thoroughly and still you entrust us with many great and wonderful gifts. Help us to have the confidence to really receive the gifts you have for each of us and to be used by you. Not only that, help us to recognize the gifts in one another and name them to bring encouragement to all. Use our hands, we want our lives to have meaning. Amen.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's sermon:

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Prayer Requests:

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