## **Equipped To Serve Part 2**

 Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

If you were here last week, we learned that we are all equipped for ministry.

- 1. We are God's Handiwork!
- 2. Created in Christ Iesus
  - a. What does that mean?
- 3. To do Good works
  - a. Not just works
  - b. Good works
- 4. Which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- 3 Things we misunderstand about being equipped to serve.
  - 1. It's not about ability, but availability!
    - a. When it comes to ability, we will always ask the question: Do I have what it takes?
    - 2 Timothy 2:2 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to <u>faithful</u> men who will be able to teach others also.
  - 2. It's not about saving, but serving!
    - a. We must focus on serving others and rely on God to save them.

Mark 9:33-34 33 Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" 34 But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. 35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

- 3. It's not about becoming, but belonging!
  - a. Your confidence will come with a since of belonging.
  - b. When you feel as though you belong to God, you can't help but share with others.

Hebrews 4:16 says "Let us come boldly before the throne of Grace."