

## **“Making a Positive Difference in a Negative World” – Karl Jones**

### **Mike Gravois – Lifeline Chaplaincy**

### **Steve Cooner – Hope For Haiti’s Children**

Intro: Our world is in a mess. People are hurting and struggling, living in fear and want. What can we do? What can God do through us?

#### **I. The Good News – God Doesn’t Give Up on People!**

1. In the ancient world that was in a mess, God chose to work through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A.) God worked through \_\_\_\_\_ and his family.  
B.) Then, God worked through \_\_\_\_\_ and his family.  
C.) And then, once more, God worked through a young couple, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, to send the Savior into this world. And that changed \_\_\_\_\_!
2. This world would have you believe that you are too small, insignificant, ordinary to make any real difference. But our God says, “\_\_\_\_\_ are just the one I am looking for; \_\_\_\_\_ are just the one I need.”
3. Can we here today truly comprehend what it is like to live in Haiti or 100 other places of poverty and want? But each \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ can make a difference for many who hurt and struggle.
4. Our *Day of Thanks and Giving* is all about making a positive difference in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **II. The Mission of the Church is People.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you have the opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life.
2. In helping to send the Good News, \_\_\_\_\_ a difference.
3. On our *Day of Thanks and Giving*, whether your gifts are \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, they will make a positive difference in people’s lives.

#### **III. To Make a Difference:**

1. Give generously on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and \_\_\_\_\_ will do!
2. Share the \_\_\_\_\_ with someone you know.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ use the talents and opportunities God has given you to bless others.
4. Become a Christian today, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and let God work through you!