Sermon title

It is Good to Share

Sermon text

Hebrews 13:16 "Do not forget to do good and to share with those in need."

Possible introductions

Humorous

Little Johnny showed up at a birthday party with a bag of peanuts. This was a big surprise because Johnny wasn't known for his generosity—his neighbors called him "Selfish Johnny." So, when he brought snacks to share, it seemed like a miraculous turnabout.

"That's so nice of you, Johnny," said one mom. "Thank you for sharing these peanuts with your friends."

Johnny smiled and replied, "You're welcome! I don't really like peanuts. I sucked all the chocolate off my peanut M&Ms and decided I'd share the rest!"

Sometimes, our sharing could use a little more thoughtfulness, right? But the heart of the matter is that sharing is central to our Christian calling, even if it sometimes takes a little encouragement.

Reflections on Hebrews 13:16

Hebrews is a book filled with encouragement for weary believers. The author reminds us of the importance of action—not just thinking about good works or intending to be generous, but actively doing good and sharing with others. Hebrews 13:16 speaks to the heart of our faith: living in a way that reflects God's love.

In our world today, there's no shortage of people in need. Think about families who have lost everything in hurricanes, individuals living in temporary housing, or those in warming shelters during the cold. For these neighbors, basic items like hygiene kits, cleanup buckets, and blankets can mean the difference between despair and hope.

CWS Kits provide a way for us to answer this call to action. They are a tangible expression of love and care, offering practical help and a reminder that those in need are not forgotten.



Proclaim the Christian calling to share

- □ Jesus sharing five loave of bread and two fish. (John 6:1-14)
- □ The widow's mite. (Luke 21:1-4)
- □ The first century church of Acts. (Acts 2:42-47)
- Hebrews 13:16

Call to Action

As a church, we are invited to join this ministry of sharing. You can help by assembling kits as a group, donating funds to support the work of CWS, or even sharing this ministry with others. When we come together, our efforts multiply—just like Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed a crowd.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for calling us to a life of generosity and service. Help us to see the needs of our neighbors and respond with open hearts. Bless the work of CWS and the kits that bring hope and healing to those in crisis. May our efforts reflect your love and glorify your name. Inspire us to do good and share with those in need, trusting that you will use our gifts to make a difference. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Discussion for Congregation:

- How can our church come together to support ministries like CWS Kits?
- □ What are ways we can actively "do good" in our daily lives?
- □ How does sharing with those in need deepen your understanding of faith in action?

Explore Church World Service as a partner in sharing

Reference **cwskits.org/stories-and-reports** to find data and stories.

