

## September 10, 2023 Prepare for Impact

What were some things from this message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Why do you think Christians do good works?

Read this:

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.  
Ephesians 2:10 NLT

What's the difference between someone's handiwork and their masterpiece?

Why should knowing that we are God's masterpiece actually cause us to be humble in light of the context of the rest of the passage?

God uses our life experiences to shape us and prepare us for what's ahead. We are like lumps of clay being shaped, and even passed through the fire, which strengthen us. What are some experiences that God has worked for your good?

What are some ways you've been encouraged, by God or others, when you chose to do good works despite difficulties?

What are some bad reasons to do good works?

How do the good works that God prepared for us in advance differ from the "good" works of the world?