**Hillside UMC Sermon Prep Sheet**

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**Date: Sunday, November 22, 2015 – Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Sermon Title: GO & Live Out Your Faith!**

**Scripture: James 2:14-19 *(New International Version)***

14What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. 19You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

**Call to Worship: (8:30 only) – Based on Psalm 69**

Leader:I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. This will please

the Lord more than an ox, more than a bull with its horns and hooves.

**People: The poor will see and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts live!**

Leader:The Lord hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.

**People:** Let heaven and earth praise him! Our God rejoices in humility and sincerity. May we

too hear the cries of the needy and respond with kindness and thanksgiving!

**Basic Theme: *Living out our faith requires loving those whom God brings into our lives. Living out our faith also requires that we seek out opportunities to express our faith and intentionally interact with people beyond our small circle of comfort***

**Sermon Snapshot (Key Points): Our mission team just returned from a week spent serving in Guatemala. We encountered people whom we will never see again and served them knowing they can never repay our kindness. It took most of us out of our comfort zones. Our service was an expression of our faith and our going was actively becoming the hands and feet of Christ.**

**So What? How do you express your faith? Are there steps or actions that perhaps you need to take so that you can actively live out your faith? Where and to whom do you need to go? What is keeping you from saying yes?**