

THE NEXT ONE



**“A persons a person
no matter how small”**

Getting Started

What was your favorite Dr. Seuss book growing up?

Which of the following Seuss lines has the most personal meaning for you?
Take a moment to explain why.

- *Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.*
- *I meant what I said and I said what I meant. An elephants faithful 100%*
- *“What if Christmas, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas perhaps means a little bit more!”*
- *I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees.*
- *“Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!”*
- *The day they decided that Sneetches are Sneetches / And no kind of Sneetch is the best on the beaches.*

Going Deeper

A person's a person, no matter how small. That phrase penned by Dr. Seuss is very similar to a phrase Jesus used. Take a moment to read it in [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

The word **least** is actually the word **small**. It means small in size. Small in importance. Small in authority. Small in rank. Small in the estimation of men. Why do you think it's so important to Jesus that we focus our attention on the small?

Most of the time our attention is in on making ourselves bigger and aligning ourselves with people of importance. How have you seen that tendency in the lives of people around you? How can that same attitude slip into your life?

When you fight to be big there is always a line. There is always competition. If you get to the place where you are on top there will always be someone trying to knock you off your pedestal. That's not true if you try to care for the small. There is always opportunity. **W**hat opportunities do you have in your life to reach out to the small?

Take a moment as a small group to look on the canyonsprings.org/outreach page and discuss how you might get involved.

Sunday began a year long campaign at Canyon Springs. We are asking people to participate in three ways:

- 1) Who will you reach out to this next year? Who is your "one" that you are praying will accept Jesus in 2017?
- 2) How will you serve in 2017?
- 3) How will you participate financially in 2017?

Take a moment to talk about your answers to the first two questions.

We are asking people to join in raising an extra \$100,000 over our budget to open up opportunities to reach one here, one there, one everywhere. We have included the specifics here:

1) Here

- We have plans to team with Marshall Middle School to help renovate the theater to make the best possible first impression with our guests who visit us for the first time. That includes new projectors, new carpet, paint, and new "One's" signs for the stage.
- We plan on redesigning our children's ministry look and signage.
- We'd like to have some extra funds to honor the Sunday School Team that we've asked to commit to 9 months of teaching Sunday School.

- We have been in our midweek facility “The Cove” for 5 years now and there are some areas that are looking tired including the carpet.
- There are some staff who have not received cost of living increases in the last 5 years because we didn’t have the budget for it. My heart is to care for these people who sacrifice so much to make a difference in our community.

2) There

- We want to reach more people in our community by growing our advertising budget to reach into our community.
- We have a dream of expanding our podcast ministry so that the reach of Canyon Springs can be a click away to people all over the community and even the world.
- We also want to raise some money for scholarships for VBS and youth camps so that we can reach kids and youth who are not a part of our church yet.

3) Everywhere

- Our missions ministry is amazing but relatively new and we have almost no budget for it. We would like to grow our missions budget and create scholarships for first time missions participants.
- We also have a dream to create transitional housing for some of our older kids who’ve aged out of the orphanage in Haiti.

Prayer

Would you take a moment and join us in prayer as a group that we can reach this goal and increase our impact on our community?

