

## Close & Far 10-Nov: OCC Packing Party

Series Summary: Scripture clearly teaches us that every believer in Jesus is called to live on a mission (Matthew 28:18-20). We are all missionaries sent out into the mission field both locally and abroad (Acts 1:8).

**Series Call to Action:** Take your next step to go on mission for Jesus

Get Them Talking: Which do you like more - giving gifts or receiving gifts?

**Leader Note:** Tonight, we will pack shoeboxes to share the love and message with kids around the world. As you lead your group to pack shoeboxes, help them to see the value in the gifts and help them to pray for every box that your group packs.

Why are we packing shoeboxes tonight?

Why did we choose each item to be packed in the shoebox?

**Leader Note:** Every shoebox includes things that kids need including school supplies and hygiene items. The boxes also include a "Wow" item like a toy so the kid will receive something fun.

Can you imagine never receiving a gift in your life? What would it feel like to receive a gift from someone who doesn't even know you?

As we pack the boxes, what are the most important things we can do?

**Leader Note:** The most important thing that we can do is pray for every child who will receive a box and to pray specifically for the children who will receive the boxes that you are packing. It is also important to make a personal connection by writing a note to express God's love for them.