Opener
What do you think motivated Rosa Young?

How hard would it have been for you to face the struggles of Rosa Young?

If you could do one thing to make the world a better place, what would it be?

Background
In her autobiography, Rosa Young writes of her ambition, since her youth, to do good:

“I was young and active and had an ambition to work for the Lord … I had great enthusiasm to serve my people; my heart was overwhelmed with compassion for them. This sympathy for the common people has remained with me throughout life.” (Page 46*)

Rosa Young was ambitious. Her ambition, however, was “to work for the Lord”. Sometimes, when we do the right thing (teach, heal, lead, etc.) for the wrong reason (money, power, fame, etc.), we lose sight of what really matters. But when we do it for the right reason — to serve the Lord — we can face any obstacle that may come our way.

Rosa Young became a teacher because she loved God and her neighbor.

Bible Study
As time allows, read two or three of the following passages; then answer the question:

1. What’s a bad motivator? What’s a good motivator?
   Deut. 13:1-4
   Joshua 24:14-18
   Matt. 6:1-6
   Luke 12:22-34
   Rev. 3:15-20

   Rosa Young had the heart of a servant leader. She was passionate about helping others. When Rosa Young became a teacher, she encouraged her students to serve the people. She pointed them to Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. Even as a student, Rosa Young told her classmates at graduation as valedictorian:

   “There is nothing more reputable … than Christian service. So let us not hesitate, but grasp every opportunity that will enable us to do some good for others. As teachers, teach the people; as merchants, supply their needs; as doctors, administer to their wants; and as preachers, proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2. How has God equipped you “to do some good for others”?

3. What opportunities are there in your community to do some good for others — and to share the good news of Jesus Christ?

   There are many ways to do good for others. Circle two or three to which God may be calling you:
   Doctor   Athlete   Firefighter
   Teacher   Pastor   Deaconess
   Nurse   Lawyer   Veterinarian
   Astronaut   Writer   Pilot
   Other   Other   Other
   (Share your answers.)
In the church, we call these things “vocations”, activities called by God for us to do. Martin Luther King, Jr., born nearly forty years after Rosa Young, once famously said, “No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”

4. How does that resonate with Rom. 12:3-7?
5. What spiritual gifts do you have?
6. Who gives you these gifts?

Too often, we compare ourselves to others and think because we’re not as cool or smart or as popular as somebody else, that we don’t have gifts to use. But Rosa Young said that your age, your ability, and your background do not matter, since you are always able to, “… show yourself a friend to those who feel friendless” (Page 42*).

7. This week, how could you use your gifts for the common good?

**FAITH IN ACTION**

One thing The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has done recently to try to use its gifts to “do some good for others” is break ground on the Lutheran Hope Center. When complete, the center will offer mentoring and tutoring programs, pastoral counseling, summer camps, and a food pantry for low-income residents. One person said of the Lutheran Hope Center, “I think it has a lot of potential and it gives us an opportunity to do what the church should be doing — ministering to people.”

8. Rosa Young did a new thing in her day. If she were alive today, what new thing do you think she would do now? What new thing would you do if you could?

9. According to James 2:14-16, what is the relationship between faith and action?

10. After watching this film, what is your hope for the Church?

**MODULE: BUILD A SCHOOL**

**Goal:** Have students build a school together, through prayer and the Word.

For this project, you need 8.5 x 5.5” paper (8.5 x 11” cut in half), glue, and pens or pencils.

Have students write on one sheet a prayer they have for the world or their community. Divide half-sheet of paper length-wise in ½” increments until fully folded. Repeat process for a prayer they have for the school. Next, have students write one value they would like the school to embody. Divide this width-wise in ½” increments until fully folded. Repeat process, writing a Bible verse that would serve as the school’s motto. Rosa Young, for example, chose as her school’s motto, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33). Link the long strips with the wide strips, folding one-inch of the edge of one strip over the other strip. Glue in place. Repeat process until the walls are tall enough to include a roof. Write on that half-sheet of paper, “I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust” (Psalm 91:2) and place it on top, folded, as the roof. Write on another half-sheet of paper, “No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:11) and place it on the bottom, flat, as the foundation.

**Closing Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for giving me Your love. You have put so many people in my life, with so many gifts, to build me up. Now use me, according to Your good and gracious will, to do some good for others. Help me to see that You have made me as I am for a purpose and that You have a calling for my life. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.