MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

LIVE SENT | Small Group Study & Discussion Guide | The Well Church Cincinnati

Main Scriptures: Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 5:13–16; 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

Big Idea: God created you with purpose, positioned you with intention, and equipped you for impact. You don't have to change the whole world to make a difference in somebody's world!

WELCOME & OPENING DISCUSSION | 5–10 MINUTES

Icebreaker: Think about someone who made a difference in your life through something that may have seemed small to them. Who was it? What did they do? Why has it stayed with you?

Sometimes we believe making a difference requires a big platform, extraordinary talent, or unlimited resources. But God often works through ordinary people who are willing to use what He has given them.

PART 1 | CREATED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Read: Ephesians 2:8–10 (NLT)

GOD CREATED YOU WITH PURPOSE!

We are God's masterpiece, created anew in Christ Jesus to do good works. Our value comes from our Creator, not comparison or accomplishments. We do not do good works to earn God's love; we do them because we have experienced His love.

1. What does it mean to you personally that God calls you His masterpiece?
2. How can comparison keep us from recognizing our purpose?
3. Why are good works the result of salvation rather than the way we earn it?
4. What small act of kindness have you seen make a significant difference?

Reflect: What have you been discounting about yourself that God may want to use?

Remember: Just because something looks small to you doesn't mean it's small to God!

PART 2 | POSITIONED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Read: Matthew 5:13–16 (NLT)

GOD POSITIONED YOU WITH INTENTION!

Jesus calls His followers salt and light. We can represent Him in our homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and everyday relationships. We do not have to wait for a different season to make a difference.

1. What did Jesus mean when He called His followers salt and light?
2. Where has God currently positioned you to influence others?
3. Why do we overlook opportunities to serve people already around us?

4. What would reflecting Jesus intentionally look like for you this week?

Reflect: Who in your life may need encouragement, compassion, or prayer?

Remember: Stop overlooking the people God has placed right in front of you!

PART 3 | EQUIPPED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Read: 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT); Exodus 4:1–5 (NLT)

GOD EQUIPPED YOU FOR IMPACT!

God gives us gifts, abilities, experiences, and opportunities to serve others. When God called Moses, He asked what was in his hand. God used an ordinary shepherd's staff in an extraordinary way. We can begin with what God has already entrusted to us.

1. What gifts, abilities, or experiences could you use to benefit someone else?
2. Why do we underestimate gifts that come naturally to us?
3. How does Moses' experience challenge the way you view your limitations?
4. What resource, gift, or opportunity could you use more intentionally?

Reflect: What have you been waiting to receive before taking a step of obedience?

Remember: Stop measuring God's assignment by your current resources!

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER | 5–10 MINUTES

CREATED WITH PURPOSE. POSITIONED WITH INTENTION. EQUIPPED FOR IMPACT.

1. Which of these three truths challenged or encouraged you most?
2. What has been keeping you from making a difference?
3. What could happen if everyone in this group helped one person this week?

THIS WEEK'S LIVE SENT CHALLENGE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ONE PERSON'S LIFE THIS WEEK! Choose one person and take one intentional action that demonstrates the love of Jesus.

Ideas: Encourage someone going through a difficult season; pray with someone; help a neighbor, coworker, or family member; reconnect with someone; invite someone to church; use a gift to serve without expecting anything in return.

The person I will encourage or serve: _____

The action I will take: _____

When I will do it: _____

Next meeting: Share what happened, what you learned, and how God worked through your obedience.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You for reminding us that our lives have purpose. Thank You for creating us with purpose, positioning us with intention, and equipping us for impact. Help us recognize the gifts You have placed inside us and the people You have placed around us. Give us courage to stop making excuses and walk in obedience. Teach us to love like Jesus, serve with compassion, and bless others with what You have given us. Don't let us simply hear Your Word. Help us put it into action! Use our lives to make a difference and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, amen!

GROUP DECLARATION

I WAS CREATED WITH PURPOSE!
I WAS POSITIONED WITH INTENTION!
I WAS EQUIPPED FOR IMPACT!
MY LIFE HAS MEANING! MY GIFTS HAVE PURPOSE! MY OBEDIENCE MATTERS!
I WILL LOVE! I WILL SERVE! I WILL LIVE SENT!
AND WITH GOD'S HELP, I WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Leader's note: Encourage participation without pressuring anyone to share personal details. Keep the discussion practical. Everyone should leave with one person in mind and one action to take.