



Make a Difference

Big Idea

We might get overwhelmed when we think about changing the world. But we aren't necessarily suppose to change the world, but our world. Jesus gave us life, in order to change our sphere of influence around us. As we begin to focus on our specific sphere, we can begin to make a difference in our world.

Let me tell you why you're here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God- flavors of this earth - Matthew 5:13

We begin to make a difference by **valuing people**, connecting with them, and not just making them a project to fix. Then we can begin to **add value to them**, gaining influence in their lives. As they begin to look at our lives, while we **live good values**, they start to wonder why our lives are different. And we get to **share good values** with them. We can begin to see the difference we are making in the lives of others.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you value people? Why do you think you do or do not?
2. Who are those around you that you can begin adding value to?
3. Do you feel like you live out good values in your life? What are some ways that you can change to exhibit those values?
4. When was the last time that you shared why you live those good values in your life?

Prayer Focus

Father, help us to begin truly valuing the people around us. Could we see them how you see them, and begin to place the same amount of value on their lives as you do? Teach us to live good values in our lives and be willing to share why we live that way, to honor you Jesus. Amen.

Next Steps

We are starting our 21 days of Prayer and Fasting, January 10th through the 30th. What are you believing God for in 2022? Go ahead and plan how and when you will fast during this time, and let us seek God first in 2022 together.

Bible References

2 Corinthians 5:17, Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 25:35-40, I Corinthians 9:19-23, Romans 15:1