



**Series:** *Make A Difference*

**Message Title:** "Shine Where You Stand"

**Date:** July 27, 2025

## Icebreaker

**Question:** Share about a time when someone made a small but lasting impact on your life. What did they do?

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## Scripture Focus

**Read aloud:**

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)
  - Matthew 5:13–16 (NIV & MSG version for fresh perspective)
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## Main Idea

*"My life wasn't just changed for me. It was changed so I could help others change."*

**We are saved for a purpose — not just to enjoy the benefits of new life, but to carry the message, to be salt and light, and to change our world one person at a time.**

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## Discussion Questions

**1. Transformed to Transform**



- In what ways has Jesus changed your life?
- How does understanding that your transformation isn't just for you shift how you live?

*"I wasn't the end of the story... it continued with me."*

## 2. What Does it Mean to be Salt and Light?

- Salt preserves and flavors. Light reveals and shines.
  - What do those roles look like in our daily lives?
- Read Matthew 5:13-16 (MSG). What stands out to you in this version?

*"You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth."*

## 3. Four Ways to Change Your World

### 1. Value People — Connecting

- How do we know when we're truly valuing people like Jesus did?
- Read Matthew 25:35-40. What does this say about how Jesus views our treatment of others?

### 2. Add Value to People — Influencing

- Who has added value to your life? How?
- Paul said, "I entered their world..." (1 Cor. 9:19-23). What might it look like for you to enter someone's world this week?

### 3. Live Good Values — Attracting

- Read Galatians 5:22-23. Which fruit of the Spirit do you most want to grow in right now?
- Why are people who live good values attractive to others?

### 4. Share Good Values — Transforming



- Read Philippians 2:3. How does humility help us share values that transform others?
  - Why do good values reduce our need for external validation?
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### Personal Reflection

- Of the four actions (Value people, Add value, Live good values, Share good values), which one is God highlighting for you to grow in this week?
  - Where do you currently have influence — work, school, family, friendships — and how can you be more intentional to shine there?
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### Live It Out: Shine Where You Stand

Don't wait to change the world. Change your world.

Challenge:

This week...

- Value one person who feels overlooked.
- Add value to someone through encouragement or action.
- Live a Spirit-filled value intentionally.
- Share a truth that has helped you.

“One relationship. One action. One prayer. That’s how we change our world.”

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### Closing Prayer

- Pray over the group’s willingness to be salt and light.

