



Sermon Discussion Guide

May 29, 2022

Marks of a Christian (and a Church) that Changes the World

Gather



... with your family

... with friends or your 3G Group on a Phone Conference or video call
(eg. Zoom, Hangouts, House Party, FaceBook Watch Party)

Grow



Processing today's message...

- **Aha!** – What did you learn? What challenged you?
- **Uh-oh!** – What concerns did it raise?
- **Hmmm!** – What do you need to think about some more?

Dig a little deeper...

1. If Jesus were to ask you if you were "All In" in your belief in him, what would be your honest response?
2. Read Mark 1:41-42. Who are the modern-day "lepers", the marginalized, to whom we need to be reaching out and touching?
3. Read Acts 1:4. Why was Jesus insistent on the disciples not leaving Jerusalem until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit? What do you think is the evidence in a person and a church that they have yielded to the Holy Spirit?
4. Read John 14:13-14. Is there anything that keeps you from praying with this kind of faith and expectancy?

Go – How can you BLESS your neighbor this week?



- Begin with Prayer
- Listen
- Eat
- Serve
- Share Your Story

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Text John 14:8-14

Introduction

Jesus did not come to earth to start a religion, but to change the world.

He expected his disciples at the time to do the same.

What are the marks, the defining characteristics, the behaviors of a Christian (and a Church) that Changes the World?

1. Believe

- John 14:8; John 14:9-11; John 6:69

2. Work (John 14:12a)

As the Body of Christ...

...we are called to be an **Extension** of him.

- Matthew 9:35-38; Mark 1:36 John 13:1-5; Mark 1: 41-42

...we are called to **Expand** his Work –

- We have a **mandate**
 - Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15
- We have the **means**

3. Yield (John 14:12b)

How does Jesus' going to be with the father empower his disciples to do those great works?

John 16:5-8

While Jesus was on earth, the disciples had power because he was with them. But now Jesus is promised that they will have power *IN* them.

- Acts 1:4; 1:8

World changing Christians don't operate under their own power, but by the indwelling power of God's spirit.

4. Pray (John 14:13-14)

World changers recognize the power and promise of prayer.

Philippians 2:12-13

Work like it all depends on us; pray like it all depends on God.