

VISION 2025
Week 1: Making a Difference
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⇒ *Leaders: note items marked with the arrows are key discussion questions if you're short on time.*

WARM-UP

Think of a famous person (or maybe not so famous, but personal to you) and share what they are remembered for. (Ex.: Ben Franklin, Billy Graham, Mother Teresa, Jesse James, etc.) How many more can you think of?

INTRODUCTION

- ⇒ If you could be remembered for just one thing in your time alive on earth, what would you like that to be?
- ⇒ How do you define "legacy?"
 - How does that relate to "being remembered"?
- ⇒ Whose legacy would you say has made a difference in your life?
- ⇒ How has that legacy had an impact on you?
- ⇒ List some ways that each of the following can have an impact on someone else:
 - Our resolutions and goals
 - Our health
 - Our wealth
 - Our career
 - Our family relationships

BIBLE APPLICATION

Read **Proverbs 3:35 and Psalm 78:4-7**

- ⇒ What advice can we garner from these verses about leaving a legacy or being remembered?
- ⇒ What is the difference between leaving something **for** someone and leaving something **in** someone?
 - How can these two things be related or intertwined?
- ⇒ How can someone else's story or their legacy motivate another person?
- ⇒ If the legacy left by your ancestors isn't positive, how can your own legacy be different?
 - As God has broken you free from bondage to that past, how have you changed?

Read **Matthew 28:18-20**

- ⇒ What are some excuses we give for not reaching out to others as Jesus told us to?
- ⇒ In what way is this commission also part of leaving a legacy?

Read **Joel 2:28-32**

- Who does God say he will use?
- What "qualifications" do we sometimes try to put on ourselves as reasons for why we think God didn't include us in this promise?
- What thoughts or emotions do these verses evoke?
- Who are the people that perhaps you alone can reach?

Read **Matthew 6:20-21**

- What do these verses reveal to us about what is important to be remembered for?
- How is this legacy different from leaving a financial inheritance behind?

NEXT STEPS / ACTION

Read **Isaiah 43:18-19** (it's been part of our latest series).

- ⇒ Think about your life. What dreams or visions has God placed on your heart or in your mind that he is calling you to start?
- How can you use the 5 Core Values of Red Cedar Church (Unconditional Love, Unwavering Mission, Irrational Generosity, Obedient Risk and Contagious Passion) to do what God has placed on your heart for only you to do?
- ⇒ If time is a barrier for you in taking a next step to make a difference, think about the last 48-72 hours of your life. Where have you wasted time that you could claim for doing something of lasting value?

PRAYER

Pray for a vision that is bigger than one year. Ask God to show you something that he wants to do in the next five years, too. Pray for chains to be broken and a new legacy that brings glory to God.

