

Somehow I Manage

Part 4 - My Influence

Big Idea

We all desire to make a difference in our own world. The secret to changing the world we live in is using our influence to make a difference for the Kingdom. In this message, we learned that we are all part of a sphere of influence that, if we leverage it properly, can literally change our world. Equipped with this understanding of God-given influence, we will all begin to make a difference and find a new level of fulfillment.

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that.

Galatians 6:4

Discussion Questions

1. Read Jeremiah 15:19 and discuss it. Would you say you're more influenced or more of an influencer?
2. What sphere or spheres of influence do you belong to? Have you ever thought about how your sphere could be used to advance the Gospel or change the world? What would that look like?
3. Pastor Ryan asked the question "why" should we influence our world. The answer is that it pleases the Lord. Read Hebrews 13:16. What "good things" is God calling you to do for others? What do you have that He's calling you to "share with others"?
4. We are called to serve and make a difference right where we are. God used a staff in Moses's hand to deliver an entire people from slavery. What has He placed in your hand where you are to change your world? How can you use it?
5. Finding a need and filling it, and finding a hurt and healing it is what we were created to do. Therefore, it's incredibly rewarding. Share a time you were blessed by being a blessing to someone else.

Prayer Focus

Ask God to clearly reveal His purpose for your life and remind you of it daily. Thank Him for choosing you for the good works He has prepared for you to do, and ask for the strength and focus to passionately pursue those things. Ask God to help you place your life in alignment with your purpose and to give you the wisdom and discipline to identify what is important and shed whatever is holding you back.

Next Step

Ask God to reveal to you this week what exactly He wants you to do to affect the world around you. What is your sphere of influence? How much influence has He given you within that sphere? What can you do with that amount of influence right where He has you today? Make a list and be specific.

Act On It

Make sure, as a group, that you identify and commit to a project for Serve Day. Most likely there is a need that your group can meet right around you. Ask those around you what needs to be done, and bring those suggestions to your group. *"Find a need and fill it; find a hurt and heal it."*

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