

All Or Nothing

WEEK 3 - Leveraging Your Influence For You or For Jesus

BIG IDEA:

The Coronavirus has all of us trying to figure out what's really going on and what all of this means. As followers of Jesus, we have 2 options right now. #1 is to just blend in; just as everyone else, allow fear to dominate us. Or #2 is to rise up; to go on the offense, to put our faith in action. Where the world sees an obstacle - the church can see an opportunity. An opportunity to make a difference. An opportunity to point others to Hope. An opportunity to show people what real faith looks like. To leverage our position, relationships, authority, power, and influence to impact others for Jesus.

KEY VERSE:

Matt 5:13-16 - "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How are you feeling right now about the Coronavirus?
2. The fear and uncertainty is real, and we need to be honest about it, yet how have you felt the pull to go too far in blending into the world?
3. What are the different areas/people in your life that you have influence with?

Key Point #1: Salt is a preservative; we preserve the truth of God by what we say we believe in.

4. Based on your actions/influence, what would the people around you think is important to you? Is that what you want them to see, if not, what needs to change?

Key Point #2: Salt is for seasoning; we as followers of Jesus are to bring a boldness to life.

5. Do you believe your influence is bold, impactful, and valuable? If not, how could you make it so?

Key Point #3: Salt is an antiseptic; we are called to bring healing to the wounds that people are experiencing in this life.

6. What could you do to leverage your influence during this season to meet both tangible needs/hurts but also point people to the hope of Jesus?

Key Point #4: Salt creates thirst; there should be something in our lives that make others thirsty for what we have.

7. True, sustaining influence shines out of the character inside us that is built on the foundation of a personal relationship with Jesus. What does your daily relationship with God look like right now? Are you satisfied with it? What do you need to change?

MOVING FORWARD:

You exist to make a difference. You exist to use your influence to make a difference for Him. Can you imagine if we got serious, in this season, about pointing others to the hope of Jesus? Can you imagine the lives that God change? God has called for you and I to influence the world, this is not optional, so don't waste it. Discuss as a group what do you need to change to better use the influence you have.