

SERMON TOPIC: CHANGE YOUR WORLD

SERMON OUTLINE

(Matthew 5:14-16 TLB) You are the world's light—a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.

(Jeremiah 15:19 NLT) You are to influence them; do not let them influence you!

(2 Corinthians 10:13-16 ESV) ...the area of influence God assigned to us is to reach you... But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence may be greatly enlarged, so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you.

INTRODUCTION

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 series we are learning that we are all part of a sphere of influence that, if we leverage properly, can literally change our world. Equipped with this understanding of God-given influence, we will all begin to make a difference that's beyond what we have ever dreamed!

KEY POINTS

MY SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

(Acts 16:31) Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household.

1. MY PEOPLE

(Mark 5:19 NCV) Go home to your family and friends. Tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you.

2. MY PLACE

(Psalm 90:17) May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us-- yes, establish the work of our hands.

3. MY PASSION

(Psalm 37:4) Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

1. OUR MANNER

(Colossians 4:5-6) Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

(1 Thessalonians 4:11-12) Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders.

2. OUR MOMENT

(Psalm 37:23 KJV) The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD.

(Proverbs 16:9) In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

3. OUR MESSAGE

(1 Peter 3:15) Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

(2 Corinthians 5:17-19) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

SUMMARY

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