

Discussion Guide

Extreme Influence: Go Out of My Way (Inconvenience)

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Who has influenced you in the following areas?

Career – Your view/understanding of God – Your role as parent/child/sibling – Your character – Your values

The saying “Show me your friends and I will show you your future.” Was talked about in the message. What does it mean? Do you agree with it and why?

Why is “exposure” so important to influence? What is exposure?

Read Philippians 2:5-8

How does this passage emphasize the requirement of inconvenience and the significance of “go out of my way”?

Why does “go and make disciples” imply inconvenience? (Matthew 28:18-20)

What does it mean to “carry my cross”? (Luke 9:22-23)

The Equation for Influence

$$\text{Love X Respect X Exposure} = \text{Degree of Influence}$$

Explain what is required for each of the elements of influence.

How does this help explain the power of influence our family of origin has on our lives?

How does this explain how a professional basketball player can have an influence on youth that they’ve never even met (low exposure) and don’t even know (or love)?

How does this explain the incredible impact of Jesus in the lives of the disciples?

How does it explain what will be required to influence our neighbors, our extended family, our friends, and people we don’t know?

What are the implications for standards for influential positions at church?

(like standards for youth workers, worship leaders, pastors, leadership team, versus mowing the lawn, cleaning the building, or helping out in the office)

Think about some one who influenced you:

Which was the most powerful aspect of their influence: Love – Respect – Exposure

What are implications of this for your relationship with God?

Is there something you need to focus on to embrace a deeper influence?

What are some ideas that people could do spiritually to increase God's influence?

Okay – how are you supposed to apply this message (likely different for each of us).

Pray!

Who are some of the people you would like influence in a positive way?

(think through family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, fellow students, people far from God)