

Discussion Guide

Influence: The power of a shared life

Think about someone who had a profound influence on your life. Describe the influence to the group. Now describe the degree of respect, exposure and love you felt from this person. Which was the greatest dynamic and which was the least?

(This could take some time)

Who has been influential in your spiritual life? Using the same dynamics explain why this person became an influence and how.

Think of someone who has been a negative influence or someone you blocked from influencing you. Again... what were the dynamics of Respect, Exposure and Love?

When it comes to God influencing us, how can we lean into the same dynamics? How do we grow in our understanding of each? Can you think of a time when you grew in your understanding of the God's love, or you grew in your respect? How do we increase our exposure to God?

Read Psalm 23 and 130 How do these Psalm call us to Respect, Exposure and Love for God?

After hearing this series, what impact could it have on your walk with God, your view of small groups or circles (what is a circle?) and your passion to influence people far from God?

Why is respect potentially so fragile?

If you are a parent of a grandparent, how did this series effect you?

Is there someone far from God that you are loving, befriending and that we can pray for?

Finally, what do we need to do this year to influence each other in a positive way?