

make a difference

Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 2

In this second message of the **Make a Difference** series Pastor Curt answers this key question: As a disciple of Jesus Christ what am I responsible for in my world, my sphere of influence, my platform? Every one of us is an influencer! God has strategically placed you where you are for a reason. This message encourages you to be aware of three spheres of influence you have: **Your people**. Your sphere of influence begins with those you already have relationships with including your family, friends, neighbors, business associates, or classmates. **Your place**. Wherever you are, God has called you to influence others there. **Your passion**. God has specific purpose for you in the area of your passions. He created you uniquely to make a difference in the lives of others.

You have been given a mission by God to influence the people around you. As we learn to recognize the influence God has given us in our relationships, our talents and opportunities, and our passions, we will be able to effectively play our part in the body of Christ. Let's actively explore our sphere of influence and make a difference for eternity. God wants to mobilize His church to show and share a life-changing message of good news, actually great news! This is Jesus' plan for our lives, and we can make a difference!

Discussion Questions

- What does your sphere of influence look like? How can you be intentional to reach others through that influence?
- We are all a product of someone else's influence. Who has influenced your life most? What difference have they made in your life?
- Pastor Curt said that God doesn't just ask us to do something, He gives us a passion to do it. What are you most passionate about in life? How can you use your passions to influence others?

Prayer Focus

Jesus, thank You for creating me on purpose and for a purpose. Help me recognize the influence You have given me, and show me how You want me to use that influence for Your glory. In Your name, Amen.

Next Steps

Intentionally identify one of the three areas that Pastor Curt addressed today: People, Place or Passion and make a plan to do one thing this week to make a difference there – and then share it with your group so they can pray with you and help keep you accountable to follow through with it.

Leader Tip

Be sure to emphasize to your group members that each of them have a God-given purpose. Our three-part Growth Track is specifically designed to help people discover their purpose so they can make a difference. If anyone in your group hasn't completed the Growth Track, encourage them to jump in to the Growth Track this Sunday!