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The Difference Maker Study

LESSON 1: YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

OBJECTIVE:

To prepare yourself to make a difference when encountering someone in your day-to-day activities with the hopes of leading someone to Christ

Introduction

The mission of the church, has a going mandate:

1. Matthew 28:19-20 – The Great Commission
2. Luke 10:1 – Sending of the Seventy
3. Acts 13:1-4 – The first missionary journey

The Mt. Sinai Church complies with the Lord's commandment

Mt Sinai Mission Statement:

Mt. Sinai Vision Statement

What is a Difference Maker?

The Role and Impact of a Difference Maker

A difference maker is an individual whose actions, decisions, and presence lead to significant positive changes in the lives of others. Our desire is to make a difference in someone's life spiritually

What are the Characteristics of a Difference Maker

1. Difference makers possess a deep sense of empathy and compassion.
2. Difference makers often hold leadership roles, whether formally or informally. They inspire and motivate others through their actions and words.

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What is the Impact of a Difference Maker

1. Transforming Lives

Difference makers help others reach their full potential and overcome personal challenges. This transformation can lead to improved mental and emotional well-being, greater opportunities, and a sense of empowerment.

2. Building the Kingdom

Difference makers are active participants in building God's Kingdom. They desire to see the work of God expand in lives, cities, and countries.

Becoming a Difference Maker

1. Recognizing Your Potential

Everyone has the potential to be a difference maker. It involves acknowledging one's strengths, passions, and the unique contributions one can make.

2. Taking Action

Making a difference requires action. It involves identifying opportunities to help, stepping out of one's comfort zone, and taking deliberate steps towards positive change.

3. Inspiring Others

Difference makers share personal stories, lead by example, and encourage others to positive change.

Difference Maker Evaluation

Do you know that you make a difference? Have you accepted you make a difference in people's lives spiritually?

Who made the difference in your life spiritually? _____

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GOALS FOR THIS STUDY:

We want you to complete this seminar you will have...

- An urgency to help others come to Christ
- The confidence to share your faith without fear
- The ability to write and share your personal testimony
- Practical and proven methods for talking with someone about Jesus

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL GOALS:

Considering this is a study on evangelism and sharing our faith do you have any personal goals of your own

How many people would you like to witness to and see them accept Christ:

WHY GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

Instructions: Circle the key word in each verse and describe what that means for you in preparing to be a difference maker.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Acts 1:8

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SHARE YOUR FAITH?

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 6:23

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“But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”

- Romans 10:14-15

More bible verses about sharing your faith...

“Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him -- but some of them still doubted! Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

- Matthew 28:16-20

“We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, ‘Be reconciled to God!’”

- 2 Corinthians 5:20

“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes...”

- Romans 1:16

“Now stand up! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and my witness. You are to tell the world about this experience and about other times I will appear to you.”

- Acts 26:16

WARNING: We don't do the SAVING, Jesus does!

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.’” - John 14:6

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THE EASIEST WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Scripture Reference: Acts 20:24

“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.”

p. 13 When talking about Jesus, it makes you:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Really there is nothing to be afraid of:

Read p. 14: Last Paragraph

p. 18 An Eternity-Changing Invitation

Why are we slow to ask the one simple question that will make a difference in people’s lives: ***Would you like to come to church with me this weekend.***

Invite The People In My Life To Church

p. 19 NOTE: Instead of focusing on what the invitation might mean for the person we are inviting, we focus on ourselves.

50% of those you invite will join you the first time you ask.

75% will come when offered a second or third invitation.

100% will at least appreciate the thought even if they decline.

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TWO INVITATIONS THAT CHANGED HISTORY

Scripture Reference 1:29-43

Introduction

This passage introduces significant events and individuals in the ministry of Jesus Christ, emphasizing His role as the Lamb of God and His interaction with the first disciples.

Key Character is John the Baptist:

1. One of the most important people in the New Testament
2. He had the privilege of introducing Jesus to the nation of Israel. 1:15
3. He had the difficult task of preparing the nation to receive their Messiah Mt. 3:1-7

Summary of what John had to say about Jesus:

1. He is eternal, 1:15 – Jesus preexisted
2. Jesus was the fullness of grace and truth – 1:16-17
3. Jesus reveals God to us 1:18 – Jesus is the image of God – Colossians 1:15

Key Sections

John the Baptist's Testimony (verses 29-34)

What does John say about Jesus:

Jesus Changes Lives (35 -42)

Vs. 40 – Who did Andrew find and tell about Jesus:

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Who did Andrew say he had found:

- Vs. 42 What immediate impact did Jesus make on Peter's life.

Philip Finds Nathanael (vs. 43 – 51)

Vs. 44-45 What does Philip say about Jesus:

QUESTION: What will you say to people about what you found in Jesus:

Four Keys To A Powerful Invitation

1. Believe that_____.
2. Recognize that_____.
3. Identify the people _____.
4. Care enough_____.

The Best Time For An Invitation

1. Easter
2. A Big Day
3. Topic Specific Messages

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4. _____