

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 1



## Influence

REAL FAITH THAT GOES VIRAL

### LET'S DIVE IN

#### Q+A

- Who do you influence?
- Who influences you?
- Do you think influence matters?

### WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE LOOK LIKE?

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand.

Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

(Matt. 5:14-15)

### SHARE

1. Share a story about someone who was a great influence on you. What do you remember most about them?

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## QUOTES TO CONSIDER

"Notice people outside the circle of God."

"You need to be close to people in order to influence them. Proximity is key."

"Do you really believe that those who don't know Jesus are in danger?"



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## QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. Which quote challenges you most?
2. Which one are you best at?
3. When have you most felt like a positive influence for the love of Jesus to those around you?

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## BE RECEPTIVE TO THE NUDGE

**As you go about your week, ask God to give you nudges towards those who need to be influenced by the love of Jesus.**

As you do remember the "Samaritan Woman" principles for influence that Jesus used in Matthew 5:14-15:

- ***It might happen when you are tired. (Jn. 4:6)***
- ***It may be inconvenient. (Jn. 4:4)***
- ***It may look foolish or unwise to others. (Jn. 4:9)***
- ***You might be misunderstood. (Jn. 4:7)***
- ***Speak honestly and openly. (Jn. 4:16-19)***
- ***Be sure to bring up the love of Jesus. (Jn. 4:23).***
- ***But no matter what, you will certainly influence an outsider with the love of Jesus. (Jn. 4:28-29)***



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