



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GROUPS VISION

We believe life transformation happens when we engage with other people, with Jesus as our focus, and take next steps together. A next step is where we Ask, Listen, and Respond to take any action that advances our journey with Jesus.

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KEY VERSE

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."

John 17:15-18 NKJV

POTENTIAL NEXT STEP

Ask God to give you moments this week where you can be an environmental engineer and release kingdom truths to change the environment you are in.

MAIN POINTS & SCRIPTURES

The heart of the mission that Christ came to establish on earth is for us to be the Church. God has transformed us, given us new identities, so that we can become His instruments of grace for our world. Following Jesus is not just about helping people repent of their worldly thinking, it's about being change agents in the world. Jesus prayed that we would be sent into the world, with His Spirit, as the change agents in our spheres of influence. (**John 17: 15-18**)

1. When we are declared holy by God's truth, we are raised and seated with Christ. Because we are included in Christ, we have a new life and identity in Jesus, which gives us the spiritual authority to not be affected by the world, but to affect the world around us. It's God's truth that gives us that supernatural power to bring heavenly change in earthly circumstances.
2. Who you are determines what you do. Because our identity is in Jesus and we are seated with Christ, our lives become vehicles of influence. Our lives are repositioned to be used by God as instruments of grace to the world. We are invited to take the life-giving presence of God to those that don't know Him. Jesus puts the miracles in our hands for us to release them to those around us. He gives us the bread and the fish and, by faith, as we break the pieces we become aware that God is with us.
3. Peace = Shalom. God calls us to bring peace wherever we go – we are His peace carriers. We are called to seek the peace of the 'city' and when we do, we find peace. We are the carriers of shalom in every earthly circumstance, bringing the opposite spirit. We are to connect Sunday's life-giving experience to our weekday lives. (**Jeremiah 29:11, Jeremiah 29:7**)

DISCUSSION

1. Describe a time when God used you to be the change agent in your sphere of influence. How did that experience shape how you approach new invitations from God? (See point 1)
2. Who or what would you say has the most influence over your life currently? Why? (See point 2)
3. In what ways is God inviting you to bring kingdom principles into your spheres of influence?
4. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?
5. What is your next step?