



INTRODUCTION

Part 4 - Reaching the World

We want to make a difference. We strive to have an impact. We need to be able to identify our talents and gifts, and leverage our abilities for good. Above all, we need help from others to accomplish that.

Join us for a new series, as we explore ways we can have a greater impact in the world around us—together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This series has been called, “Impact.” Do you think it is important that our lives make an impact? Why or why not? In what ways can we impact others?
2. Of the four main take-aways related to the “Impact” series, with which one did you resonate most: a. connect with other believers, b. discover and use your spiritual gifts, c. have a mindset to be used by God throughout the day, or d. spread the gospel? How did the series impact you?
3. Read Acts 1:6-8 and Matthew 28:18-20. Why is it important that we be witnesses for Christ? Why do you think most people struggle with the idea of being a witness for Jesus?
4. Have you ever lead a person to faith in Jesus Christ? If so, what happened? How do you think we can grow in our ability to communicate our faith with others?
5. Read Philippians 1:27-28 and Philippians 2:1-2. Why do you think it’s important for a church to focus on spreading the gospel? What do you think happens if a church doesn’t have an “outward focus?”
6. What are some ways that we, as a church, can spread the gospel more effectively? Do you think it’s possible to have a worldwide impact? Explain your answer.
7. Have you ever gone on a missions trip to another country? What was it like? What are some of the benefits to going on such a trip?
8. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

What sets Christians and non-Christians apart?

Over the past few weeks, we’ve discussed how we can have more of an impact. The messages explained how we can connect with others, get more involved, and reach outside the walls of the church; and if we do those things, we can have the greatest effect. However, we don’t have to be a Christian to do those. Anyone can share their talents, and serve in various ways. We can all use our time and gifts to help others.

This week, we take a look at the one thing that sets us apart—our message. The gospel tells us that God sent his one and only son into the world to die in our place, and to pay the penalty for our sin. If we place our trust in Him, we receive the gift of eternal life. We become forgiven. Those of us that have a relationship with Jesus can lead others to Him. We want people to know Jesus. Ultimately, everything we do as a church is for our savior, Jesus Christ. As a first step, we can invite others into the church, where they can hear the messages, and begin their own journey to faith.

KEY VERSES

Acts 1:6-11
Matthew 28:18-20
Philippians 1:27-28
Philippians 2:1-2