

THE DISCIPLESHIP PATH

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: What is one thing that would you like altered in the way the world works if it were up to you?

READ: Matthew 5:14-16, Acts 1:8

FOCUS: You can change the world.

OBSERVE:

You can change the world because, as a believer, Jesus gives you the ability to change it (Matthew 4:16).

- There are many ways that we can impact and change the world around us. We are able to be lights in the world because the Holy Spirit is living on the inside of us.
- We provide a witness of who Jesus is through our lives; this is the testimony of the transformation we have experienced as believers. We don't have to strive in our own strength to be world changers.
- We must continue to refuse to give in to fear and selfishness; don't hide your light or compromise with the things of this world. Let Jesus' light expose the impurities in your actions, words and motivations.

You can change the world for God's glory if you allow God to change you.

- When we encounter Jesus and are transformed, we become new creations. Where we were dead in our sins we are now alive again. This means that the living water of God is in us and we are filled to overflowing so that we can serve others in love with the love that God gives us.
- Even as enemies of Christ, when we were alone in our guilt, Jesus rescued us from the penalty of sin and made us alive. He promises abundant life, and we can share that life with those that have not experienced the abundant life in our sphere of influence.
- Knowing that we have received forgiveness, abundant life and such a great love from God, we can recognize that we owe everything to God: our actions, attributes and attitudes.

What should be our motive for changing the world? (Matthew 5:16)

- We change the world all for the glory of God!
- The ultimate evidence of a world transformed for God's glory is seeing people that don't know God come to know and worship Him. Giving people the opportunity to experience a loving relationship with God is essential to changing the world.

TAKING ACTION:

- Pray! Ask God to highlight ways you can impact the spheres in your life. There may be desires in your heart that the Lord is already showing you.
- Take the next step and join our discipleship path or invite someone to join it with you! Everyone starts with Growth Track and if you've already completed steps 1-4, begin exploring the One2One and Purple Book where we talk more about discipleship and biblical foundations. More information can be found at KINGSPARK.ORG/NEXT-STEPS/

REFLECT:

- How has God changed your life and your perspective related to sharing the love of God with others?
- What does it look like for you to shine the light of Jesus in your daily life instead of hiding it?

PRAY: Dear Heavenly Father, we praise You for who You are. You are worthy to receive glory! Please radically transform our lives so that we can change the world around us. Please help us to be lights in this dark world, in Jesus' name, amen.

