

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of October 22, 2023**  
**“Called” week 4**  
**Being Disciples Who Make Disciples**



The term “influencer” came into existence in 2010 with the increase in social media marketing. (It made entry into English dictionaries in 2019.) An “influencer” is a person with the ability to influence the decisions of others. This week, we are going to look at how we can be an influencer for God.

We have invested four weeks on Jesus’ call to BE and MAKE disciples. This call is to all who will answer His invitation to the life that God desires for us. We defined a “disciple” of Jesus as someone who knows, loves, and follows Him. This fourth message is focused on our call to make disciples by influencing the people in our relational worlds.

First, let’s look at examples from the Bible. Now, when we think of examples, we can immediately go to famous apostles or people with amazing talents. Yes, God used some people to extend great influence to launch the gospel. But let’s not compare ourselves to them. Rather, let’s look at what God did through a few people and how we can fulfill God’s call to make disciples.

**LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD**

Read Acts 16:12-15 and consider a few questions:

What do you notice about how God worked in people’s lives?

How were people influenced?

What were the results?

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17.

What were some of the specific ways that Paul influenced Timothy?

What did they experience together?

What are things that you could do with someone?

## **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

(The following questions were written by Jerrod Mantonya.)

1. Take a few minutes to share who was influential in your life in helping you learn to follow Jesus. How did they teach and model for you what it means to follow Jesus? What are the lessons or things you remember that they taught you?
2. What has or does scare, excite, or make you hesitant to intentionally invest in someone spiritually? Who is someone that is already in your life that you'd like to intentionally invest in spiritually? How do you seek to go about doing so?
3. For those of you already investing in someone, what are some practices you've found to be effective? What struggles or disappointments have you found along the way? What joys or successes?
4. In this week's message, Jerrod said, "*you can't give what you don't have.*" How are you seeking to cultivate your personal time in the Word of God? What are you reading or studying personally and what has God been teaching you about Him? What is He calling on you to do as a result of what you're learning?
5. Have you ever served alongside others in the work of God? What did you enjoy, learn, and remember? How was serving alongside others in kingdom work personally helpful for you as a follower of Jesus. What did it teach you about God?

**NOTE: One of Trinity's core values** is, "Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus."

## **PLEASE PRAY**

- Remember to pray for Israel and Palestine as they are still in conflict
- Please pray for our Young Adults as they influence friends in their world
- Please pray for our Elders as they oversee and love our church family