

Influencers for Christ

(Participant Guide)

Group Time

Introduction

As Mother's Day was just celebrated, it is natural to think of our moms and the impact they have had on our lives. For some, that is a happy thought. For others, it may bring sadness or even anger; while others may not have had a mom, which brings its own set of emotions. Despite our different circumstances, we all have people in our lives who have influenced us, positively and negatively—from moms, to dads, to grandparents; or perhaps guardians, teachers, neighbors or relatives. Conversely, we all have a lifetime to influence others as well. Let's listen to the Holy Spirit as he speaks life and teaches us to impact the lives of those around us for the kingdom.

Discussion Questions and Leader Notes

- 1.** Who modeled Christ for you most significantly? What traits made them most influential in your eyes? Do you believe you are able to influence people around you? Read Proverbs 27:17 and 1 Corinthians 15:33. What do these verses say about influence?
- 2.** Read Luke 8:1-3, John 19:25 and 20:11-16. From these passages, what do we know about Mary Magdalene's life and her heart? How did her life impact the kingdom? What is your take-away from Mary's example?
- 3.** Read Judges 6:11-16; 7:1-4, 19-22. Today, what would conventional or worldly wisdom have told Gideon to do? What was God's advice for Gideon? What other people in the Bible ignored conventional wisdom and instead chose God's wisdom? In looking at these individuals, how is wisdom connected to influencing others well?

4. Read 1 Samuel 1:9-11 and verses 19-22. How did Hannah model Christ? Think back on Mary, Gideon and Hannah—people God specifically chose to put in the Bible—so we can learn from their stories. What do they all have in common that allowed them to be influential for the kingdom? How can we become effective influencers for God?

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Memory Verse

1 Timothy 4:12: “Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.”

Notes

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