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Choose to be an intentional influencer in your people's lives,
expecting God to work

1. God's patience allows for future opportunities for your obedience

Jonah 3:1-4

When you run from God's calling on your life, He's not going to give you another assignment until you complete the first one that He put in front of you

There's hope for you and I that God isn't done calling us into the role of His ambassador, His Intentional Influencer in the lives of people in our world

2 Corinthians 5:20

2. Expect that God is already at work in the lives of those you influence

Jonah 3:5-9

When you see the need to get your life right vertically there is always a necessary horizontal aspect to it

The 5 "I's" of Being an Intentional Influencer

Identify – make a list of your 8-15, of your relational world

Intercede – begin to pray daily for the people on your list – for their spiritual condition and for opportunities to be a source of Jesus influence in their lives

Invest – be someone who genuinely loves and enhances the lives of those in your world

Invite – this is the "come and see" approach that Phillip used with Nathaniel in John 1

Introduce – you have the amazing opportunity to introduce people in your world to the Jesus who has transformed yours!

3. God is in the mercy business

Jonah 3:10

2 Peter 3:9

Romans 2:3-4

1 Timothy 1:15-16

Now What? Choose to be an intentional influencer in your people's lives, expecting God to work



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Share It

Get to know one another

Other than a parent, who was intentional about influencing your life?



Study the Word

Learning to know God from the Bible

Read chapter three in the book of Jonah. Who are the main characters and their roles in this scenario?

Jonah is given a "second time" to fulfill his role. People have said, 'Ours is a God of second chances.' How is this seen here? What do we learn about the character of God in Exodus 34:6-7?

What do we know about God's desire and our role from Romans 2:3-4; 1 Timothy 1:15-16; 2 Peter 3:9?

We are often concerned with our role in people's lives. What do we learn from John 16:7-11?

What were the results of Jonah's message? How could this be?



Discuss Together

Discuss how God can change our lives

How has God been 'the God of second chances' in your life?

Someone said, "I don't know the names of the people who shared Christ with me, but God does." Discuss the idea that God is doing more than you know.

What holds us back or spurs us on to be an intentional influencer?



Time to Pray

Praying with and for one another helps us trust in God together. Please pray . . .

- For one another's role of being intentional in our worlds this week
- For Trinity Church to represent 'the God of second chances'
- For the people we desire to invite to Easter services
- For the impact of God's churches during this Easter season



Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Influence others this week: Pray, listen, love, ask good questions, season with salt.