

## Home Group Notes

### Road Trip week 6 – “Everyday Influence” – Bill Butterworth

Share it

Who are some of the people that have influenced you most? Who are the people you influence most on an everyday basis?

**LEADERS: After hearing from people about the ‘who’ influenced them, ask a follow-up – “What were things they did to influence you as you knew them?”**

Study the Bible

What do we learn about how to best influence people?

John 13:12-15

**LEADERS: This description by John is one of those beautiful examples of humility, both lived out and then taught about. Dirty feet was the task of a lowly household servant.**

1 Peter 5:2-3

**LEADERS: In this passage, leaders are instructed to ‘shepherd’ / care for those entrusted to them....their lives are to be examples of eager demonstrations of sacrificial care.**

1 Thessalonians 1:7

**LEADERS: In the midst of difficulties, Paul is commending the Thessalonian church for following his and Silas and Timothy’s example (of how to persevere under trial?) as they followed the Lord....the example of this small church was spreading throughout an entire region....widespread influence!**

1 Thessalonians 2:5-8

**LEADERS: While their words were not ‘flattering’, and they did not lord their authority, they backed up their words with actions that clearly demonstrated (proved) their gentleness and affection for this church. They shared their lives with those who were dear to them. Good instruction for all of us with spouses / children that we are entrusted with.**

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9

**LEADERS: Paul appeals to his friends to follow his example – they must have seen his behavior and not just heard his words – as they sought to model hard work and discipline so as not to be a burden to anyone.**

1 Timothy 4:12

**LEADERS: Youthfulness is not to be a hindrance to being a good influence – by both words AND lives of love, purity, and faith, Timothy was exhorted to be a godly influence on his flock.**

Titus 2:6-8

**LEADERS: Paul encourages Titus to be “sensible, be an example”...be aware of if your beliefs match your behavior. An additional question – “What does the phrase ‘above reproach’ mean to you?**

What does Deuteronomy 6:7 say about words and actions?

**LEADERS: This passage is a picture of everyday life lived with purpose – as you go about your life, be aware of both ‘teachable moments’ – when words can instruct...but also be alert to how your behaviors, your choices, have a profound influence on those in your household. When you work, when you get up, as you get ready for bed....reflect on the goodness of God and His Word in your daily life.**

Discuss Together

According to Matthew 28:18-20, what should it look like when we teach others about Jesus? How did this happen in your life? What everyday influence did they have?

**LEADERS: This ‘imperative’ is repeated more than once by the gospel writers.....it seems to imply both “go” with an intention of influencing others toward the Kingdom, but also has the sense of ‘as you are going’ – doing your lie in the calling God has given you – you are to be alert to opportunities to influence those around you – your family, children, co-workers, fellow parents, pass on your faith to those around you.**

Because “everyday influence” occurs in the simplest of ways, what are some simple ways that we can impact family and others? How can we pass on our faith and values?

**LEADERS: a good place for some ‘application’ discussion.**

What are ways to model a vibrant life that stems from faith in Jesus?

Pray

- Pray this week for one another’s ‘everyday influence’ in their worlds
- Pray for your adopted missionaries and their everyday influence
- Pray for open doors this week to listen, encourage, and influence

Apply it this week

As you awaken this week, ask God to empower you to be an influence for Jesus.