

Alderwood Community Church

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Leveraging Your Gospel Influence Every Day

Following Jesus Every Day

Philippians 1:27-2:5

(Pages 951, 1161-1162, or 1179)

*“You are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day,
By the deeds that you do and the words that you say.
Men read what you write, whether faithful or true:
Just what is the Gospel, according to you?”*

Big Idea: Use your influence, every day, to change the way people think about Jesus.

1. _____ and _____ live your life before a watching world. _____
(Philippians 1:27; Titus 2:10)

2. _____ - _____ cooperate with our brothers and sisters in Christ. _____ (Philippians 1:27 – 2:2)
 - A. United in _____: Jesus and the Word of God
 - B. United in _____ for God and others (John 13:35)
 - C. United around a _____: to make Jesus known, to make disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20)

3. _____ your influence, every day, to change the way people think about Jesus. (Colossians 4:5-6)
 - A. Use Your _____ to Change the Way People Think About Jesus.

B. Use Your _____ to Change the Way People Think About Jesus. (**Luke 16:9**)

4. Humbly _____ those in your relational world to Christ.
_____ (**Philippians 2:3-5**)

A. _____ them the love of Jesus.

People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

B. _____ them about the love of Jesus.

C. _____ the *Influencing my Relational World* card

(1) _____ the names of the people in your relational world.

(2) _____ for the people in your relational world every day.

(3) _____ a game plan.

(a) Be determined and ready. (**Mark 2:1-14**)

(b) Be creative

(1) Ask Questions (Sermon series: *Game Plan for Getting People to Jesus* – 2/10/13)

(2) Share Your Story

(3) Give Resources

(4) Show them the Gospel

(5) Invite them to church regularly

(c) Don't give up (**Galatians 6:9-10a**)

Sermon Questions:

1. Influence is defined as, “the capacity to have an important effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone.” Who has had a positive influence in your life concerning Jesus Christ? Has anyone had a negative influence? Explain.

2. Read **Philippians 1:27-2:4**. In the Message, the first part of **v. 27** reads, “*Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ.*” How will Pastor Brad’s sermon help you obey Paul’s command?

In **Philippians 1:27** the command to conduct ourselves worthy of the gospel carries the idea “to discharge your obligations as citizens.” Read **Philippians 3:20**. Christians have “dual citizenship”. We are citizens of heaven and citizens of earth. How does your heavenly citizenship influence your earthly citizenship?

3. In **Philippians 1:27**, what does it mean to “stand firm in one spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel”?

Augustine said, “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.” Do Augustine’s words have anything to do with **Philippians 1:27**? Explain.

4. Read **Philippians 1:29**. How does your faith in Christ and suffering for Him as an everyday follower enable you to influence others for Christ?

5. Read **Philippians 2:1-4**. What attitudes are essential for us to be “like-minded” and “one in spirit”?

How does our like-mindedness as everyday followers of Jesus affect our influence on the lost?

6. **Romans 15:1-2** from the Message connects to this discussion: *“Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, ‘How can I help?’”* In what ways will you use your strengths and abilities to serve and influence others for Christ?

7. Since this passage exhorts us to conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ by reflecting Christ to others, what one or two ways can you be more Christ-like so that you can influence others for Him?