

**Alderwood Community Church**  
**October 30, 2016**

**Living a Life of Influence**

A Church of Everyday Followers of Jesus – Part 4

**Matthew 5:13-16**

(Page 958 or 969 in chair Bibles)

**Everyday followers of Jesus use their influence  
to change the way people think about Jesus.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Who You Are!**
  - A. You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.
  - B. You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ **to Retain Your Distinctiveness.**
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Your \_\_\_\_\_ to Change the Way People  
in Your Relational World Think About Jesus.**
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ the names of the people in your relational world.  
(see card)
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ for the people in your relational world.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ a game plan.

(1) Be \_\_\_\_\_

Invest time and resources to develop these relationships.

(2) Be \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) Ask Questions
- (ii) Share Your Story
- (iii) Give Resources
- (iv) Show them the Gospel
- (v) Invite them to church regularly

(3) Don't \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Those in Your Relational World to Jesus.**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ them

B. \_\_\_\_\_ them

**Sermon Questions:**

**MY STORY**

1. Pastor Brad chose Lifeboat 14 from the *Titanic* as his illustration for our call to be salt and light. How did that illustration impress you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Who are the people that God has put on the “front burner” of your life? Use the card from Sunday’s bulletin and make a list of the people God has given you the responsibility of influencing for Him and share it with the group.

3. How have you used your influence in your relational world for Christ and His kingdom?
  
4. Who is your “model” of an average, real-life Christian “influencer”? How does that person influence others and how do they inspire you?
  
5. What resource is the hardest one for you to give to the Lord? Why?
  - Money
  - Time
  - Relationships
  - Personal property
  - Abilities and interests

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Look at these words from Christ about your resources and answer the following:

*<sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? **Luke 16:9-12***

- What are the specific resources Jesus points to in this passage and why do you think he chose to highlight those?
  
- What reasons does Jesus give to use our resources for Him?

2. As we seek to pray for those we know and love who do not know and love Jesus, what do the following passages teach us about how to pray?

<sup>3</sup> *I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling.* <sup>4</sup> *My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,* <sup>5</sup> *so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.* **1 Corinthians 2:3-5**

*Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.* **Romans 10:1**

<sup>37</sup> *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.* <sup>38</sup> *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* **Matthew 9:37-38**

## **TAKING IT HOME**

1. Where do you see your part in the Great Commission? What is your role in Christ's command to "make disciples"?
2. If you were to commit to pray daily for this "circle of influence" that God has sovereignly placed in your life, what would that look like in practice? What changes or steps might you need to take to make this intention a reality?
3. What is one concrete step you could take in the area of your budget or your calendar that you could take today to influence one or many of them for Christ?