



Discussion Guide: Influencer | Hidden Influencers

Begin with prayer

5 min

Check In

20-30 min

Spend a few minutes catching up on life with one another.

- Fruit: what has been bringing you joy lately?
- Thorn: what have you been struggling with lately?
- Vine: how have you seen or been connecting with God lately?
- Bud: what are you looking forward to?

Discuss this week's sermon

10-15 min

- Consider this quote from Sunday's sermon:

If Jesus is the hope of the world, then the church, the people of Jesus is the vehicle for that hope." – Clay Scroggins

- How have you seen the hope that exists in the people of God (believers) impact and influence the world (nonbelievers)?
- Susan said that Christian influence isn't about having power over someone's life but having power to matter in someone's life. How would you describe the difference between the two?

Open your bibles together

30-35 min

- Read Exodus 31:1-3
- One of the first people to be filled with the Holy Spirit wasn't a preacher to speak to thousands or a prophet to perform miracles, but a construction foreman who had a building project. How does the Holy Spirit empower us to do everyday things? How might God be glorified by these everyday events?
- Susan said that saying "I just" (I just lead Sunday school, I just stay at home with the kids, etc.) diminishes the value of the work that God has called us to. What are some areas in your life that you've said "I just" do (insert the blank)?
- Read 1 Cor. 12:20-26



- Where have you seen people place more importance on certain gifts or roles in the church? How can we be intentional about honoring the hidden figures in our lives?
- Consider this quote from Mother Theresa:

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot, together we can do great things.”

- God’s tabernacle would have never been built if everyone came with the same gifts. Where else do you see the need for diversity of God’s gifts in the world/church?
- Read Colossians 3:23-24
- This passage of scripture is given in the context of submission. Often, we view the things that we’re good at as a gift to ourselves, as opposed to seeing them as a gift that God has given us to serve. What are you good at? How can that be used to benefit others?
- Susan told the story of Pete who decided to join the church because he was asked to serve. When was the first (or favorite) time that you volunteered at church? How has God used your serving to bless others? How has it blessed you?

Prayer for one another

10 min

- Encourage the person who’s assigned over prayer request to get them at this time