



The Ripple Effect

Announcements

201 Dream Team Orientation – Sunday, May 12, 2013 at 5:00 pm. Come and find your place to serve on the Dream Team.

301 Biblical Foundations – Beginning Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm. This 10-week class will give you the foundation you need to live the life God has designed for you. You can register at www.churchoftheking.com/register and childcare is available.

Warm-up

Who is your favorite famous athlete, actor or musician? Why?

You do not have to be famous to make a great impact. Today we are going to discuss the power of the ripple effect and how your life can make a lasting difference.

Word and Application

Read Acts 16:14-15, 40. What do you find to be the most impressive about Lydia? What part of her life would you like to emulate?

Paul, Silas, and Timothy were traveling through the region of Philippi when they encounter a reputable businesswoman and possibly a widow who came to Christ and was baptized. Lydia was most likely a Greek even though she lived in a Roman-settled area. She was evidently a well-to-do seller of purple-dye in the city of Philippi, a city where Paul ended up planting a vibrant church. Lydia insisted on giving hospitality to Paul and his companions. They stayed with her until their departure. Because these encounters and events take place in what is now Europe, Lydia is considered “the first ‘European’ Christian convert.” Lydia, who was an obscure Bible character, made a big impact by allowing her house to be used to promote the Gospel.

We are still reading about Lydia nearly 2,000 years after her life because she lived to leave an impact.

Read Revelation 14:13. Who do you know is living their life to leave an eternal impact? How can you follow their example so you can make a lasting difference?

One of the best ways to make a lasting impact is to invest yourself in people. Who is being impacted by your life?

One of the tactics of the Devil is to try to convince us that God can't use us. On the contrary, we should not feel insignificant or incapable to invest in people.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12. We all have different roles we are called to play in order to see God's Kingdom built.

What do you have that can be used by God? Are you using that gift to invest in people?

Prayer

Pray for thriving marriages within the group and for everyone to grow closer to God and their family during this series. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.