

DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR CHRIST
The Gospel of John — Week 22

ICEBREAKER: What does “being spiritual” mean to you?

OVERVIEW: God is on mission. He is always working. He is seeking and saving the lost. Answering prayers. Meeting needs. Building churches. Encouraging the brokenhearted. Rescuing the perishing. Protecting the vulnerable. Lifting people out of poverty. Delivering people from addiction. Healing broken marriages. Restoring families. And God’s method is to work through His people – Christ-followers. This means that God created you to make a difference in this world for Christ. There are unlimited opportunities, and God wants to work through you accomplish His purposes. You were made for ministry. You were saved to serve. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to make a difference for Christ.

1. Read John 6:1-14. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. Read 2 Timothy 2:20-22. What do we need to do be more useful to God? Is there any part of this passage that you need to focus on more to apply to your life? Why is it important that we fellowship with “those who call on the Lord from a pure heart” if we want to make a bigger difference for Christ?
3. Read Titus 3:14. What does this verse command us to do in order to be more useful to God? What are “pressing needs”?
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does verse say we need in order to be more useful to God? Are you reading and studying your Bible regularly? Explain.

5. Read 2 Peter 1:8. What does this verse say we need to be more useful to God? What qualities do we need to possess in increasing measure (see verses 5-7)? Which if these qualities are the most deficient in your life? Explain.
6. Read John 15:5. What does this verse say we need to do to be more useful to God? What does it mean to “abide” or “remain” in Christ? How are you doing at remaining in Christ?
7. Consider some of the heroes of the faith – Moses, David, Paul, and John the Baptist. What was it about these men that made them so useful to God?

The Last Word: “The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him.” D. L. Moody