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# CALLED TO INFLUENCE

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COMMON STUDY QUESTION GUIDE

“The mission of this training series is to provide training that will equip you to know exactly how you can go about your call to influence others in this world for the building of God’s Kingdom.”

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# MODULE 1

## A - INTRODUCTION

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God's missional plan for you is outside your church. It is where you are working and everywhere you go. His desire for us is to express His love to our neighbors.

Discuss who our neighbors are?

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## B - WHY ME?

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1. We all need to play our part in our church environment so that the local church flourishes. What does that look like in your life?
2. Read Colossians 3:23 together. Discuss what this looks like in various areas of our lives.
3. Everyone is called to be a leader in their sphere of influence. Every person is called to have impact for the Kingdom of God, bringing life to Jesus' prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

Read Psalm 90:17 together. Discuss what the focus is of this prayer.

4. Discuss biblical characters who were Kingdom influencers? What were some of their actions that brought cultural transformation? (examples: Peter in Acts 3 speaking to the lame man...I'll give you what I have-NLT; Paul in Acts 17:23 having a heart to speak to those in Athens serving their "unknown God").
5. Read Romans 15:13 together. Discuss how abounding in hope" can fuel vision for a leader.

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## WHERE TO INFLUENCE

1. Our mission is to continue the work of Jesus as we go about our daily lives, releasing the fullness of His Kingdom wherever we go. It is about transforming society.

Discuss these ungodly and unhealthy beliefs that can hinder us from pursuing our God-given assignments.

Kingdom advancement is for the elite few who are called to church ministry or called to missionary work.

God has a hierarchy (example: those who are in church leadership or missionary work are at the top and those in business are at the bottom).

Sunday is the only important day of the week spiritually speaking.

The world is scary so we must hide in our safe church environment (bomb shelter mentality).

Only neutrality is acceptable in public.

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## WHERE TO INFLUENCE

2. Read Matthew 5:16 together. Discuss what this looks like in our everyday lives.
  
3. Discuss how those in the early church carried out their faith in society. Discuss how our lives compare/contrast?
  
4. Discuss/review the various areas where we can be called to influence. Name some specifics in each area.
  - A - Arts
  - B - Business
  - C - Church
  - D - Distribution of Media
  - E - Education
  - F - Family
  - G - Government
  
5. Discuss the specifics of where you are called to influence?

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## WHO AM I TO INFLUENCE?

1. Read the quote below from Marianne Williamson together. How can this paradigm affect the way we live our lives?

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." ( Marianne Williamson, A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of "A Course in Miracles")

2. Discuss the ways, listed below, that Christianity differs from all other religions.

- Christianity is based on relationship
- Christianity teaches that going to heaven is based on having accepted Christ into our lives, not on our performance

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## WHO AM I TO INFLUENCE?

3. Read Romans 8:38-39 together. How should the truth of this verse affect our lives?

4. Read Isaiah 61:1-3 together. Discuss the authority we have in bringing these 7 signs of the Kingdom into our spheres of influence.

1. Spirit of the Lord is on me - God's presence
2. Anointed to proclaim good news to the poor - Justice
3. Sent me to bind up the broken hearted - Healing
4. To proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound - Freedom
5. To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor - Peace
6. To comfort all those who mourn - Comfort
7. To give them beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness - Joy

5. The goal of every Christian is to bring the culture of heaven into their spheres of influence. The culture of heaven is demonstrated as we manifest the fruit of the spirit. Read Galatians 5:22 and discuss what the fruit of the Spirit is and what it looks like in our everyday lives. (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control).

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## HOW TO INFLUENCE: MILITARY MANEUVERS

1. In order to bring the Kingdom Culture to our spheres of influence, we must learn to partner with the Holy Spirit and pursue the person of the Holy Spirit, not just His power and presence. Discuss what it means to “partner with the Holy Spirit” and “pursue the person of the Holy Spirit”.
2. Discuss things we can learn to recognize, with the Holy Spirit, that will help us in our day-to-day influence?
3. What should we do if God gives us a word of knowledge? Discuss ways we can share a word of knowledge using covert language. (Covert language would be language that is not easily recognized as “Christian” verbiage).
4. Read Philippians 2:15-16 together. Discuss how those verses impact your day-to-day influence?
5. Read 1 John 3:18 together. How can this scripture affect our day to day lives? Record some of your covert experiences this week and be prepared to share them at the next cGroup meeting.

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## CULTIVATE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

1. The Christian life relies on our ability to love others and on being relational. It requires us to manage our emotions. Discuss the following consequences we face when we fail to manage our emotions.

- They block our ability to build relationships with ourselves and those around us.
- They affect our expectations.
- They govern our behavior.
- They lead us to view experiences that reinforce the lies we are believing.
- They prevent us from enjoying the abundant life.

2. Read 2 Corinthians 10:5 together. How can this verse help us manage our emotions?

3. Read the statements below. Discuss how our belief system is created and how this created system affects our lives.

1. Everything that happens to us from day one we absorb like a sponge.
2. We make decisions early on about how we see ourselves and how we believe the world around us is going to respond to us.
3. From 2-7 years of age, we have sorted and created files. They become those sensitive places in our emotional intelligence that can affect our mood, tone and everything that goes on around us.
4. We carry everything we are thinking about ourselves into our adulthood.

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## CULTIVATE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

4. Emotional triggers are the combination of a thought we have and the emotion that attaches to that thought.

Read Romans 12:2 together. How can we “renew our minds” to combat negative emotional triggers?

5. Discuss the following ways that we can live in balance and reduce our triggers.

- Prioritize our time with God
- Respond to the negative “chatterbox” voice within with “request denied”. Replace it with the Word of God.
- Be honest and authentic with your thoughts and feelings.
- List what you are grateful for.
- Receive acknowledgements from other people
- Have a “should free” day.
- Participate in the life that you enjoy.
- Plan rest time on a weekly basis.
- Consider what you eat and drink and how you exercise.
- Plan and take your full holiday entitlement.
- Set and write down goals.

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## CULTIVATE KINGDOM CULTURE

1. Discuss the following components that can help create the culture of an environment.

1. Determines what is acceptable and what is not acceptable.
2. Determines what is important and what is not important.
3. Determines what is right and what is wrong.
4. Determines what is workable and what is unworkable in the environment.
5. Encompasses all learned, shared, explicit, and implicit assumptions, beliefs, norms, values, attitudes, behavior, dress, and language.

Discuss some of these components as it relates to the culture in your home.

2. Read Romans 12:10. Discuss the following attributes of Kingdom Culture (culture of honor) .

1. Taking the time to listen to a colleague's concerns.
2. Showing compassion for people who are struggling.
3. Demonstrating Jesus' love by your words and your actions.
4. Having an honor of gratitude for whoever God has placed around you.
5. Giving, not just reciprocating.
6. Valuing others because they are made in the image of God.
7. Demonstrating grace in action.

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## CULTIVATE KINGDOM CULTURE

### 3. Discuss the following statement:

Leadership is a privilege. It is your opportunity to serve those around you. Servant-leaders value the development of people, they value and build community around them, share authority, are secure in their identity, and are emotionally mature and balanced. Leaders treat everyone with honor and respect.

### 4. Discuss the following statement:

Jesus always took a stand but He did so from a place of honor and passion for people around him. Kingdom influencers are also courageous. They are living a naturally, supernatural life bringing Kingdom Culture wherever they go. They push past fear because they know the truth of who they are and that God will bring them through.

### 5. Read 2 Kings 6:16. Discuss the facilitator's words, "Worry is just the wrong use of the imagination. Instead, thank God for His creative solutions and learn to trust Him."

Read Ephesians 6:10-13. How can these verses help us stand strong in our lives?

IN MODULE 6B, THE FACILITATOR, KAREN KIRCHER, TALKS TO HER GROUP ABOUT PREPARING A PRESENTATION ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED. THIS IS OPTIONAL FOR CGROUPS.

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## COMMISSIONING

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1. Read Acts 17:6. God has sent /commissioned you to love, serve, encourage, and equip those you encounter daily. What have you learned that will make your everyday life a little different?



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