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BREAKING THE ICE

What is the average amount of time you spend on social media each day?

How do you feel about the amount of time you spend on social media?

How many influencers do you follow on social media? What about the influencers you follow inspires you? If you don't follow influencers on social media, who is an influencer in your life?



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Last week we finished our series, “Over It.”

1. What is one thing you felt God help you get over in the last series?
2. What was the most impactful week of the “Over It” series for you and why?

This week, we started our series “Larger than Likes,” where we will be talking about using our influence for Christ. In more recent years, we’ve redefined “influence” by what’s happening online. In other words, we see people online and view their lives as something we want to model our own lives after. The problem with that is that we are only seeing someone’s highlight reel and it may not be the best influence for our own lives.

We all have influence, it’s how we use that influence that matters.

3. What kind of impact do you think you can have right now with the influence you have today?





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God has strategically placed you where you are. It's up to us to use our lives to have a Godly influence on others. So, how do we live a life of influence?

Great influence comes from being a great servant.

Read Matthew 20:17-28

Being a servant may sound overwhelming. God wants us to know we can trust Him with our promotion. We don't have to promote ourselves to have influence with others.

4. Do you try to promote yourself to have influence with others? If so, how?

God doesn't rebuke our desire for greatness as He will promote us when we trust Him. God wants to redefine greatness in us. Greatness in us can come from leadership in His kingdom. Leadership in His kingdom is different from leadership in the world.

5. Jesus led by being a servant. How do you practice servant leadership like Jesus?

Pastor Kevin gave us four ways to serve: be others-focused, Be a second-mile person, stay humble and stay broken.

When we are others-focused, you look for others in a room instead of saying, "here I am" when you walk in.

6. How are you others-focused?

The second way to serve others is to go the second mile. In Matthew 5:41 you can read about going the





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second mile. When you go the first mile, it's expected. When you go the second mile however, you gain influence because the second mile is where you show you care.

7. Where, or how, do you go the second mile in your relationships? In work? Parenting? Serving others?

The third way we can serve others and gain influence is to stay humble. As we serve others, we need to make sure we stay humble and not let our service become the reason to gain influence.

8. How can you serve when no one else is watching?

The most humble person to ever live was Jesus. Humility isn't thinking less of yourself, but it's thinking of yourself less. God is drawn to humility and to us when we think of ourselves less. One of the ways Jesus showed us a great example of humility was when he washed the disciples' feet.

Read Mark 9:35 about God says about being a servant to others.

The last way we serve others and gain influence is to stay broken. When we are vulnerable and broken for the things God is broken for, we are serving Him and others and will gain the influence we need to tell others about Jesus. Greatness doesn't come from image management but through vulnerability.

9. What are you broken for?





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PRAYER

Thank you God for the influence you have in our lives and for the influence you have given us, so others can come to know you. Will you please break our hearts for what breaks yours? Holy Spirit, will you guide us to go the second mile where we need to help serve others? God help us be others-focused and humbly serve them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

This week, take some time and ask the following questions about your life:

1. How much time do I spend on social media?
2. How is this time affecting my influence on others?
3. Who are the influencers in my life?
4. Is their influence positively affecting my life as a follower of Jesus?

Come back next week prepared to discuss influences in your life.

