

WALKING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

“The most influential man in the world”

Getting Started

Who would be considered the most famous or influential person you've met? Tell the group the story of how you met them.

Who is a person outside of your parents who you would consider influential in making you the person you are now?

Going Deeper

“Normally when someone dies, their impact on the world immediately begins to recede.” - John Ortberg. How is this different with Jesus?

The world we live in now displays the deep fingerprints of Jesus impact. Take a moment to explore a few of the ways that Jesus changed history.

1) Jesus introduced human equality

Read [Luke 14:7-11](#). What can you learn about the inequity of the class system in Jesus day from these verses?

How do you see the class system still in effect today?

What wisdom does Jesus give in these verses that breaks the bonds of the class system?

What role does humility play in treating everyone equally.

(See also [Galatians 3:28](#))

2) Jesus introduced the value of children

Read the following verses and talk about the value that Jesus placed on children

[Luke 9:46-48](#)

[Mark 10:14](#)

[Matthew 18:3](#)

How can you see the value of children in today's culture? How have many people taken the value of children to a crazy level?

How should these verses influence the way we spend our lives?

3) Jesus raised the value of women

In Jesus day, women were second class citizens on the same level as children. Jesus always treated women equally.

- Some of Jesus closest friends were women ([Luke 10:38](#))
- The first person to ever be an official witness to a city about Jesus was a woman ([John 4](#))
- The first people to see Jesus after his resurrection were women. ([Matthew 28](#))

What progress have you seen in the treatment and value of women in your lifetime?
What work is yet to be done to see that women are treated equally?

Jesus is the most influential man in the history of the world. Read [1 John 2:1-2](#).
What do these verses say about Jesus influence in our lives today?

Is there some area of your life that you would like to call on Jesus to use his influence? Tell the group about it then take a moment to pray together.

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