

January 7, 2024 - Influence:4 Ways to Influence Others

Feel free to pick and choose some of the questions below to engage with as a group. Before you leave, be sure to spend some time going over the **Top 3** things your group members need to know.

Connect:

Think about one person who has had great influence in your life. Who is this person and what made them so influential?

What do you look for in a leader? What types of leaders are you the most attracted to?

Engage:

Robert shared this quote in Sunday's sermon, "You impress people from a distance, but you influence them up close." How have you seen this statement be true?

Read Acts 20:17-20, 34-35

Sunday's sermon outlined 4 Ways to Influence Others

1. The Way That You Live (1 Corinthians 11:1)
2. The Work That You Do (Acts 20:34)
3. What You Go Through
4. Who Your Words Point To

Every person who works should ask three questions about their work:

1. How does my work connect to God's glory?
2. How does my work connect to the world's good?
3. How does my work connect to my own joy?

How would you personally answer these three questions about work?

How good are you at taking opportunities of "humility, tears, trials, and suffering" and making them moments of influence for others?

Can you think of a recent time that you've blessed someone out of your present or past pain?

Consider point number 4. How often do your words "point to" God's truth and your faith?

What opportunities do you think you might have this week to use your words to point to God?

Apply:

Who are the people that you have the best opportunity to influence?

How do you feel like you're doing?

What can you do to better influence those around you?

As we continue on this series on influence over the next few weeks, take some time to think of one specific person that you want to be more faithful to better influence.

Prayer:

God, help us to see the beauty of influence. You use each of us and others to make investments in one another and the world. In these next weeks of this series, help us to more fully love and invest in one another. Strengthen us as we work to be faithful Gospel influences. Give us opportunities to share the truth of the Gospel and the reason for our faith with those around us this week.

Top 3:

Membership Class | Wednesday February 21 at 6pm

Membership is a way for our church leadership and church members to make promises to one another as we seek God's best for Fondren Church together. The first step in becoming a member is to attend a membership class. In the class, you'll learn more about the history of our church, our leadership structures, and the ways we promise to care for you as a church member. You can sign up and get more information at fondrenchurch.com/events.

Serve Day | Saturday February 24

Serve Day is a day when people from Fondren Church serve alongside ministries all over the Jackson-Metro. We have ways for people of all ages and abilities to make a difference together. Check out the sign-up form at fondrenchurch.com/events to view the options to serve our community together and choose what best suits you or your group.

Marriage Workshop "How to Childproof Your Marriage" | Wednesday February 28

In "How to Child Proof Your Marriage", Laura McAlpin and Raymond Kennedy, a Fondren Church Elder and professional counselor, will lead us through a night to strengthen marriages in every stage of parenting. Couples will receive encouragement, practical tips, and helpful resources to grow the strength of their marriage even in the midst of a demanding season. You can find more information when registration opens later this week on fondrenchurch.com/events.