

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A BIG WORLD

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Text the word "FIRST" to 317-350-1996 to join us on the Faith First journey.

Read Hebrews 11 to see how God has used faithful people throughout history to change the world for the better.

BIG IDEA

Be faithful to God's Word and work, and He will use you to change the world.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

OPENER

Where were you on September 11, 2001?

QUESTIONS

1. Which of the four foundational areas (Jesus, Holy Spirit, God's Word, prayer and fellowship) need more of your time and focus this week so God can use you?
2. Pastor John said that the early believers modeled their lifestyle after Acts 2:42-46. In what ways is your lifestyle like theirs? What parts of your lifestyle compete with living out that Scripture fully?
3. What does it mean to be faithful to God's Word? What does it mean to be faithful to God's work? How are you doing in these two areas?
4. 1 Corinthians 3:6 says, "I (Paul) planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow." Do you see yourself as more of a Paul type, who plants the seeds in the hearts of others, or an Apollos, who waters the seeds? Why do you feel this way, and how have you seen God grow the seeds you've planted in others?
5. Who in your life is Jesus wanting to send you to? How can you plant or water the seeds of the gospel in their life this week?
6. Pastor John explained the importance of the "Gather, Group, Serve" concept. Which of these three has had the most positive impact in your life and why?

TAKEAWAY

- Our part = Be “devoted” / God’s part = “The Lord added”
- The Church is the only organization that exists to help those who are not yet part of it.
- You can’t change the world if you can’t change people.
- We do things we’ve never done before to reach people we’ve never reached before.
- The world is on fire. The world needs Jesus, our only Eternal Hope.

REFERENCES

Acts 9:17

1 Corinthians 3:6

Hebrews 9:27

James 1:22-25

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Galatians 5:22-26. Faithfulness is a Fruit of the Spirit. These are characteristics that God wants to develop in each of us. Which of these has the Holy Spirit helped you live out the best? Which of these do you most need the Holy Spirit to grow in you?

Read Mark 2:1-12. What do you learn about mankind from this passage? What do you learn about God? How do you see this story connecting with the message this week?