God's Promises: Take Them to the Bank Godly Influencers

Godly influence is our destiny in Jesus. In a world where people are so quick to follow a trend or imitate characteristics of a person they admire, the children of God have been called to be the salt of the earth and light of the world and influence those around them. And this desire to inspire? No, it's not ego, pride, or arrogance... it's a noble God-given desire and call.

GET THINGS STARTED

Who has shaped you? What celebrity, athlete, person in your life has inspired you and how? What drew you to them? How have the things you've learned from them impacted your life?

GO DEEPER

- 1. Read Matthew 5:13-14. What does it look like to be salt of the earth? Light of the world? In what ways have you been impacted by someone's "salt" and "light?"
- 2. Godly influence is the overflow of who we are becoming in Jesus. We influence not out of perfection, but our sincerity and our Love of the Lord. Looking back, in what ways have you tried to influence out of perfection versus sincerity? What were the differing results in your levels of influence?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- 1. Godly influencers encourage others. In what ways have you received encouragement from others? How has that led to the impact of their influence over you?
- Godly influencers also believe for others. When has someone had to believe for you, pray for you, speak over your life, when you couldn't? How did this shape you?
- In what ways do you feel God challenging you to inspire others? Is He asking you to take greater opportunities to encourage others? Walk in sincerity? Believe and intercede for others? Take time to share as a group.

PRACTICE IT NOW

Take time as a group to thank the Lord for making us in His image and giving us the authority to influence. Ask Him to purify our hearts, strengthen our character and show us how to grow in our love for Him, so that our influence may always be salty and full of light.