

AS YOU GO

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Part 1 - "Everyone & Everything"

Small Group Material

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Participant Guide

Bottom Line: *When people follow you, where do they end up?*

Study Verses: *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Ephesians 3:20-4:2, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Acts 17:24-28*

Key Points

- *Everyone has influence.*
- *Everybody is leading somebody somewhere.*
- *The weight of His image is seen in us today. The weight of His image is seen in them tomorrow.*
- *Understanding the significance of the small things is something we underestimate.*
- *Big things are just a pile of little things done really well.*
- *Do what you can where you are.*
- *During the normal course of your day, pay attention.*
- *God doesn't need us to do big things for Him.*
- *Jesus is the only thing that changes everything.*
- *It's impossible to lead from a distance.*
- *How we see the world, and our part in it, determines our willingness to take action.*

ENCOUNTER

- How do you define influence? What are some images and emotions that come to mind when you hear this word?
- Do you believe you have influence? What makes you answer in the way that you do?
- Describe a small thing someone did for you that made a big impact. Why did this small action or word have a profound impact in your life?
- How does obedience and action in the small things prepare us to step into big opportunities when they present themselves?

FORMATION

- Read 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. What matters more: what we do or why we do it? What should people see through our actions and words?
- Read Ephesians 3:20-4:2. What does it mean to "live a life worthy of the calling you have received"?
- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. How does this passage speak to leadership and influence being something that happens "as you go"?
- Read Acts 17:24-28. What perspective shift does this passage provide for the person who says they want to do "big things" for God?

EXPRESSION

- Over the years, how have you wrestled with seeing yourself as a leader and a person who can make an impact?
- Everybody is leading somebody somewhere. When people follow you, where do they end up?
- Reflect on your own life and fill in the blank: Imitate me as I _____. If people were to imitate your leadership, what would be the picture we would see?
- What is a small thing you've neglected or overlooked? How can you step into this situation with the influence you've been given?