

# TALK IT OVER

Hope of the World

## BOTTOM LINE

God has not called His people to mirror the culture – He has called them to shape it.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

What is the one thing you hope to accomplish in 2026?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- Make An Impact by Ben Lionel Scott (4 min.)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*Jesus: "I will build my church." Matthew 16:18 NLT*

*You must influence them; do not let them influence you!  
Jeremiah 15:19 NLT*

*The area of influence God assigned to us is to reach you. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence may be greatly enlarged, so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you. 2 Corinthians 10:13-16 ESV*

*You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world.  
Matthew 5:13-14 NIV*

*Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.  
Isaiah 54:2 NIV*

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV*

*"The church was never meant to be a building people visit – it was meant to be a people commissioned." – Dwight Mason*

*"You don't think like the world. You don't talk like the world. You don't live like the world. Not because you are better – but because you belong to a different King." – Dwight Mason*

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The tension of being God's called ones is that we are to be sent to people but not formed by them. We are to engage the world without absorbing its values. Where is that a struggle for you? What makes it difficult? How does knowing that you belong to a different King make you different? How can you "stretch and enlarge"? Scripture tells us to "not hold back." What are the fears that hold you back from exercising the influence and impact God wants you to have? What changes do you know God is asking you to make in order to be salt and light? When the church becomes generous with its time, resources, and love, the community begins to ask, "What kind of people are these?" You and I are the church, so how must we become more generous with our time, resources, and love? What does that mean personally? What will you do to help influence your community for God through your campus ministries?

## ACTION STEP

I will intentionally stretch and enlarge my heart and life in order to be salt and light in my community. I will pray regularly for wisdom and obedience to be generous with my time, resources, and love to influence others for Jesus.