



MAXIMUM IMPACT

#npimpact

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Bottom Line: God heals us to make an impact.

Icebreaker: Share a favorite music group or song (any genre) from at least 10 years ago, and why.

Key Verse: . . . *for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he has called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.* 1 Peter 2:9

God is all about relationships. He loves us so much that He has chosen us for blessing. He believes in us. His strategy is that we connect with the passions and gifts He has placed in us to draw us closer in relationship with Him, to give us personal success and fulfillment, and then to bless others. We are invited to be intentional about making an impact with our lives. We have been chosen and called to "show others the goodness of God." How do I do that? I deliberately live by four mindsets:

- I am a minister, called to represent God before people.
- I am called to fulfill an important task—I was made by God, for God, doing His work in the world.
- I am unique, especially crafted by God to do what only I can do in the way I can do it.
- I am a 10 in some areas—I was made to do that.

Life becomes personally fulfilling and impactful when I realize and reach my full potential in Christ.

No matter where I am today, I can start right now to make the impact that will fulfill me and bless others. "God's gifts and calling are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29). No matter what I have done, I have not taken myself out of useability by God. God has a way of using even my weaknesses and failures, once I am surrendered to Him, to show Himself strong and make an eternal impact for good on others. The only way I can ruin it is by not choosing to make the turn and begin using all of my life to exhibit the goodness of God, and lead people from darkness to light.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most specifically from the weekend message?

React and discuss:

"Leadership is all about inviting people to join the journey that you are on."

"You don't volunteer to serve God; you are called to serve God. You were not created to fulfill a career; you were created to fulfill a calling."

"You have a purpose that is bigger than all of your problems."

"Jesus came and destroyed the barrier between God and people. Today we are all priests. Every believer is a priest and a representative of God."

"The pastor is the equipper, the people are the ministers."

LOOK IT OVER <<<

Why do you think the average person doesn't get involved? What was your reason before you stepped out?

What is a gift God has given you? How are you currently using it to make an impact? If you are not using it, let the group show you ways they see that are available.

How can people who are currently not finding fulfillment identify the place where they are a 10?

Think about an experience of serving that was most fulfilling to you, and you know it made an impact. What made that experience "work"?

"My primary identity is as a minister of Jesus Christ." True or not true in your perspective?

NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

1. Identify the gift and area where you are making it happen as a minister of Jesus Christ. Allow the group to identify gifts in each other.
2. Have circle prayer, blessing each one as they minister in Jesus' name for His purpose.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Monday: Psalm 30:2

Tuesday: Isaiah 53:5

Wednesday: Mark 5: 18-20

Thursday: Psalm 46:10

Friday: Psalm 103:1-5

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.

(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)