



MOST LIKELY TO One Person Can Make a Difference

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Week 1

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Bottom Line: One person can make a difference.

Icebreaker: “In high school, I think I looked like the person most likely to . . .” What’s the craziest ambition you ever had?

Key Verse: *But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.* Genesis 6:8 NIV

Most people spend their lives looking for significance, impact, and purpose. Significance is far more vital than success; success can boil down to money, position, and power. It can simply be attracting a volume of attention. These are all things that can be taken away from a person in a moment. They are things you can have by yourself, in isolation. Significance is something that lasts—it matters, and cannot be taken away by anyone else. Significance comes from making a difference.

Noah is perhaps one of the most inspiring and encouraging figures in biblical history for those who desire to make a difference. He lived in a dark and discouraging time. The culture was opposed to everything he valued. He was not surrounded by uplifting people, cheering for him, saying, “You can do it!” The thing God told him to do seemed crazy and beyond anything Noah would have ever imagined. He had to stand alone for a long time, while he was a laughingstock, before God came through and proved Noah was right. Yet Noah had found favor with God. God’s grace was with him. He was the difference maker in his family and generation.

God looks on you with grace as well. God not only CAN use you to make a difference; He WANTS to use you. You can make a difference for your family, your generation, the kingdom. Of course, you are going to have to make a full and obedient, complete surrender to God’s plans. To do something significant and lasting will be inconvenient and require you to make changes in your life. You will need to trust God more than your feelings. But God’s grace will empower you. You will be like Noah—you will make a significant difference. Years from now, your family, your generation, and the kingdom of God itself will be benefitting from your change.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from today’s message?

Think about some public figures. Name them, and discuss how you think they see their opportunity to make a difference. What is motivating them?

What do you think causes a person to find favor or grace in the eyes of the Lord?

Discuss: “Listening to God changes your perspective. The leading of God is often counter-cultural.” How? Do you have a personal experience of God telling you something that sounded crazy or illogical, but your perspective changed?

Discuss: “If you desire to make a difference in this world, you must be different than the world.”

Discuss: “Obedience is not always fun. Faithfulness is not always easy. God’s plan is slow and purposeful.”

LOOK IT OVER <<<

Discuss: “Obedience is full surrender.” For a difference maker, is halfway obedience truly obedience?

“You and I were put on this earth to serve something greater than our narrow interests. When our focus becomes self-centered instead of God-centered, we lose our greatest source of power. Our God-given talents are meant to benefit others. When we use them for that greater purpose, we put faith into action to fulfill His plan for us. We make a difference in this world that helps prepare us for the next.” — Nick Vujicic

How could the gifts I have make a difference in my family? In my church? In the world?

Noah did his part; God did the rest. What keeps us from getting started on our part?

NEXT STEPS

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

Think about . . .

- 1) Where can we make differences in our homes? What changes do we need to make to start?
- 2) What changes could we individually and collectively make to have an impact in our church?
- 3) What volunteer teams could we join/help?

Pray together for wisdom and obedience.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

Bottom Line: One person can make a difference.

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: Genesis 6:5-20

Tuesday: Galatians 6:9

Wednesday: Hebrews 11:7

Thursday: Ezekiel 22:30

Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:27

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)