11 | INFLUENCE

THE BIG IDEA

You can influence others only to the degree that you have been influenced yourself.

SETTING OUT

- Who has influenced your life? What is it about them that draws you to be influenced?
- Who do you hope to influence with your life, and what do you hope your influence produces in their life?

READ

- **Matthew 5:13-16**
  - How does the salt and light analogy that Jesus uses speak to your heart?
  - As followers of Jesus, do you see yourself as having the opportunity to be salt and light to those around you?
  - What are the things that tend to dim our light and saltiness to the world around us?
  - Does the way you live your life cause you to blend into the world around you, or be a bright light for God's glory in the midst of darkness?
- **1 Peter 2:12**
  - Are we called to live godly lives simply so that we will look good? If not, then why are we actually called to live good, godly lives?
  - How is the way that you are living your life now bringing glory to God? What areas would you like to improving and grow in?

NEXT STEPS

- What are your passions and strengths and how can you use them to influence others toward Jesus and bring glory to God?
- In what specific ways can you influence and encourage the people of God at your church?

Other verses to reference

John 13:34-35; Romans 12:5-7; Colossians 3:23-24

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