



Rock Church

Pastor Miles McPherson | The Difference Maker | July 12, 2020

D12 Monthly Focus for July: Humbly Embraces A Kingdom Mindset

Sermon Application from Sunday's Message:

On Sunday 7/12, Pastor Miles kicked off his series on being a "Difference Maker". He began his message by posing the question, "Why did you become a Christian?" It is true that Jesus died on the cross so that our sins would be forgiven and that we would be in Heaven for eternity. However, after Jesus ascended to Heaven the Holy Spirit came to empower believers with supernatural gifts so that believers would continue to make disciples and use their new spiritual gifts in accordance with God's Kingdom. In seeing the Kingdom of God expand here on Earth, it is important that we as Christians do three things: 1) We need to leverage our gifts to do ministry. 2) We need to mentor or equip someone else. Finally, 3) We must multiply or send out disciples who further expand the Kingdom of God.

As a group take time to read through the following statements and discuss the questions below.

- Read Matthew 4:23-25: Like Jesus, we make a difference by doing MINISTRY.
 - In these verses, we see Jesus teaching, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing. Jesus was doing ministry.
 - Right now in your group, text "GIFTSTEST" to 52525 to take the spiritual gifts test.
 - What are your top "3" gifts? Why do you think these are your strongest gifts?
 - How will you use these gifts in ministry for God's Kingdom?
- Read Matthew 4:18-22. Like Jesus, we make a difference by MENTORING others in ministry.
 - In these verses, we see Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James, and John into a discipleship relationship with Him.

- Has anyone ever disciplined or mentored you? What did you learn from this experience? Who is disciplining or mentoring you now?
- Are you disciplining anyone? What method are you using for your mentorship or discipleship?
- Read John 21:15-19. Like Jesus, we make a difference by MULTIPLYING ourselves in others.
 - In these verses, we see that Jesus is preparing Peter for a life of full-time ministry. Peter will eventually lead a discipleship movement for the church.
 - In order to multiply ourselves, we must teach and train others in the way of Jesus by helping people understand and apply God's Word. Who will you commit to disciple this year so that you can see multiplication happen in your life?
 - Starting a dGroup is a great place to start. Maybe there are people in your rGroup right now who would want to start a dGroup with you. Discuss the potential of starting dGroups in your rGroup.

Next Steps:

- **Encourage your Group members to branch off and host or start their own groups for the new difference maker series. Have them text groups to 52525 for more information on hosting an rGroup or starting a dGroup.**
- **Take the LIFE Class and learn more about your gifts and how you can use them in ministry. Text LIFE to 52525 to get started.**

THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE: Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. – Matthew 18:4 NKJV

This Week's Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos

Jeremiah 1-25 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/jeremiah/>

Psalms 84-89 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/psalms/>

