

How To Impact Someone... Not Everyone

Philip's example to follow:

Acts 8:26-40, Acts 1:8, Colossians 4:2-6, Ephesians 5:15-17, Luke 24:25-27

We have to be people who:

- 1 Walk with **JESUS** before we share **JESUS**.
- 2 Look and pray for **OPEN DOORS**.
- 3 Are willing to leave our **COMFORT ZONE**.
- 4 Start where others **ARE AT**, not with what **WE KNOW**.

Walk **ALONGSIDE** and earn an **INVITE** in.

Seek to **UNDERSTAND**, not to be **UNDERSTOOD**.

- 5 Show others what **JESUS DID**, not what they **MUST DO**.

If we really want to be the **PEOPLE** of God,
we need to do the **WORK** of God,
and there we will find the **SPIRIT** of God.

Food for Thought

For the week of June 21, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study & discussion)

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adjusted the Food for Thought format so the questions can be used for group discussion as well as personal study and reflection.

WHAT'S YOUR HIGHLIGHT?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

When you think of the words "evangelism" or "witnessing," what positive and negative words, images or stories come to mind?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Chris mentioned that when it comes to impacting others, we start where others are, not with what we know. Because people can't be argued or forced into the Kingdom, our goal is to walk alongside them with grace and mercy. How might the following passages help us be sensitive as we seek to share the Gospel with people we're coming alongside?

2 Timothy 2:22-26 New International Version (NIV)

²² Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³ Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. ²⁵ Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

1 John 3:18-20 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

What guidelines do you see in these passages for how you can share Jesus with others?

2. The Apostle Paul is an example of someone who made an incredible impact on people. In Philippians 1:12-14 and Colossians 4:2-6, we see that even while in prison his desire was to talk with people about Jesus. What do we learn about Paul's attitude regarding sharing the Gospel from these passages?

Philippians 1:12-14 New International Version (NIV)

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Colossians 4:2-6 New International Version (NIV)

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Where do you see the five characteristics of Philip's example from the sermon reflected in these two passages?

What does Paul's prayer request suggest is important about his dependence on God?

How might Paul's instructions influence the way you walk through doors God opens for you?

3. Is there someone in your life you are building an intentional relationship with right now? If so, what is the next step? If not, who is someone in your circle of influence that you could build an intentional relationship with?



NORTH COAST SUMMER SERIES & CLASSES

Check out our website for updates as more details will be added in the weeks to come. northcoastchurch.com/classes

Summer Study Series

We have three incredible virtual events lined up this summer by each of our teaching pastors! You will be able to watch these free classes as they stream at the times listed below on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel. They will also be available on our website on the dates listed below so you can view them when convenient. No registration required.

The Only Legacy That Really Matters: *Parenting for the Long-Haul* with Dr. Larry Osborne, Friday, July 17, 7pm
Is God Evil? with Pastor Christopher Hilken, Friday, August 14 at 7pm

An Open Conversation About Race, Part 1 with Pastor Chris Brown, *now available to watch online at* northcoastchurch.com/conversations

Summer Classes – Register for these classes online at northcoastchurch.com/classes

We are putting together a great collection of virtual classes and webinars on a variety of topics that will be offered throughout the summer. Here are some of the classes we have planned:

- **Preparing for Marriage:** Mondays, June 29 – August 3
- **United in Marriage:** Sundays, June 28 - August 16 (1st Class Monday, June 22) OR Mondays, June 22 – August 16
- **Financial Peace University:** Mondays, June 22 – August 17
- **Never Read a Bible Verse:** Wednesday, June 24
- **S.H.A.P.E – Helping You Discover God’s Purpose in Life:** Wednesday, July 8
- **Mental Stability – Finding Balance through COVID and Everyday Life:** Monday, July 13
- **Parents of Young Kids Parenting through Pandemic:** Wednesday, July 22
- **Parents of Teens Parenting through Pandemic:** Thursday, July 23
- **Self-Leadership:** Thursday, August 6

Check our website for many more classes to be scheduled soon.

Summer Connection Intro Life Groups

New to North Coast or never been in a Life Group? Curious what being part of a Life Group is all about? Summer Connection Intro Life Groups will start **Thursday, July 9** and meet for three weeks. They are a great opportunity to find out what Life Groups are like with minimum commitment. Register at northcoastchurch.com/classes