



The Power of Personal Influence

WARM UP

What is one product or brand that you recommend to everyone?

SET IT UP

One of the very first followers of Jesus was Andrew. In comparison to the other disciples, Andrew never became famous or publicly influential. And yet Andrew literally changed the world... by inviting others to come and see Jesus. Andrew is a great example of the power of a personal invitation. His boldness caused a ripple effect that continues to this day.

CHAT IT UP

1. There is an interesting story about a man who Jesus healed from blindness. After he was healed, the religious leaders questioned him about what Jesus had done. **Read John 9:13-25.**
 - **Does the man have answers to their theological questions?** (Answer: No.)
 - **What does He have?** (Answer: The story of what God has done in his life.)
 - **How does this relate to us?** (Answer: Of course we want to be knowledgeable about our faith but we will never know everything. We can always share the evidence of God in changing us!)
2. “Evangelism” is just talking positively about something you have experienced. **Why do you think we sometimes hesitate to share our faith with others? Are these valid reasons? How can we overcome them?**
3. **Who introduced you to Christianity? Was it one person or a group? Was it an event or an ongoing relationship? What can we learn from our different experiences?**
4. **Who is on your list of people that you would love to see find the way back to God?** (Remember, Pastor Mark had us write down four: a family member, a neighbor, a coworker/classmate, and a friend.)

WRAP IT UP

You're the best one to influence someone. Spend some time praying specifically for the hearts of people you want to see come to Christ. Then talk about if your group host a party, attend a community event, or work together to a need reach out to someone that could use the help?

LEADER TIPS

- If the opener doesn't get people talking right away, pick a specific product market to spark the conversation. Example: Ask what car they would or would not recommend.
- Over the next three weeks we will be talking about our value: Found People, Find People. So make a big deal in the discussion about the four people Pastor Mark has asked us to pray for—they are a family member, a neighbor, a coworker/classmate, and a friend.