# the difference maker

ORDINARY ACTIONS, ETERNAL IMPACT

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#### John 1:40-49 - The Story of Andrew & Peter

<sup>40</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup>Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means 'Christ').

<sup>42</sup>Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means 'Peter').

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me."

<sup>45</sup>Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about!

His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth."

46 "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

"Come and see for yourself," Philip replied.

<sup>47</sup>As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity."

48 "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." <sup>49</sup>Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!"

#### **Difference Maker Principle**

My invitation for my friends and family to attend church with me can make an eternal difference.

# HOW MY INVITATION CAN MAKE AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE

## 1. BELIEVE THAT JESUS CAN CHANGE LIVES.

"[Jesus] broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News."- 2 Timothy 1:10

"Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'" - Matthew 11:28

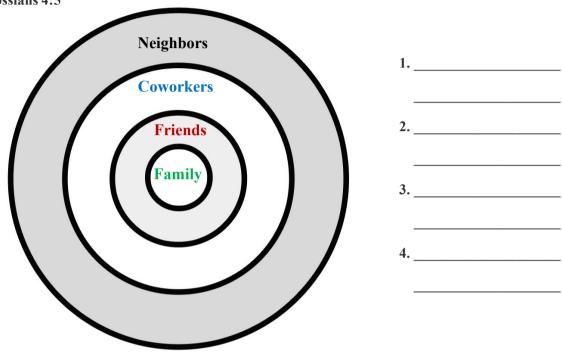


### 2. RECOGNIZE THAT JESUS WANTS TO USE ME.

"'Come, follow me, 'Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.'" - Mark 1:17

# 3. IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN MY SPHERES OF INFLUENCE TO INVITE.

"Live wisely among those who are not yet Christians, making the most of every opportunity." - Colossians 4:5



#### 4. CARE ENOUGH TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO CHURCH.

"'Come and see for yourself,' Philip replied." - John 1:46

"But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about God's wonderful kindness and love."

- Acts 20:24

### 5. EXPERIENCE GOD'S **BLESSING IN MY OWN LIFE**.

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

(Jesus) "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." -

Matthew 28:19-20