

How do you think your influence would change if you put this passage into practice?

How can we be kind, gentle and not quarrelsome while still presenting the challenging message of the gospel?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. How would you summarize this passage?

What does it look like to no longer live for yourself, but for Christ?

What does it mean to you to be Christ's ambassador?

Do you feel sufficiently empowered and equipped to be Christ's ambassador?

If not, what do you think is missing for you to become a confident ambassador for Christ?

#### **TAKING IT HOME**

6. What step can you take this week to be Christ's ambassador to those with whom you have influence?

7. Where can the group be praying for you to have open doors and a clear message to share?

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**



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## **Lepers At The Gate - 2 Kings 6-7**

### **To Influence Others For The Lord I Need To Remember That. . .**

**1. God wants me to \_\_\_\_\_**

“Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, ‘Why stay here until we die?’ If we say, ‘We’ll go into the city’— the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let’s go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die.” At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans.”  
2 Kings 7:3-5a

**2. God is always \_\_\_\_\_**

“At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there, for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, ‘Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!’ So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.”  
2 Kings 7:5b-7



3. When God blesses me with \_\_\_\_\_ it's usually not \_\_\_\_\_

“The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp, entered one of the tents and ate and drank. Then they took silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also. Then they said to each other, ‘What we’re doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves.’”  
2 Kings 7:8-9

**MEMORY VERSE**  
“I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes”  
Romans 1:16

**MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .**

- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and begin to follow Him
- Take the step of believer’s baptism to obey God and influence others
- Memorize Romans 1:16
- Ask God to remind me of what He has given me that I should be sharing with others
- Stop doing what I’ve always done and exercise a risk-taking faith by learning more about:
  - Refreshing Your Marriage     Financial Peace University     ERBC Mini Mission Trips
  - Celebrate Recovery             ERBC Tithe Challenge

**QUICK REVIEW**

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend “The Power of Influence,” in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

What impacted you the most from the message?

**GETTING STARTED**

1. Share an example of a time in your life when you were influenced to do something that you didn't want to do, but afterward were glad you did.
  
2. Other than Jesus, who has been the most influential person in your life. How did they exercise their influence and what was the impact?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

3. Read Colossians 4:2-6. Based on this passage, what role does prayer play in sharing the gospel?

Do you make a regular practice of praying for opportunities to share the gospel? Why or why not?

What do you think it means to make the most of every opportunity?

What could you do to make more of the opportunities you're provided to share the good news about Jesus?

4. Read 2 Timothy 2:22-26. Why do you think Paul gives the encouragements he does regarding sharing our faith?

Which of these would you say you need to work on most?

