

## FOLLOW CAMPAIGN • Week 4 • Learning to Influence

### 1) SERMON SUMMARY

Every follower of Jesus is already influencing someone. Influence is not reserved for the loud, the famous, or the gifted — it is woven into everyday life. Jesus calls ordinary people to shape others toward Him through presence, relationship, courage, and multiplication. Learning to influence is learning to live on mission.

#### Main Points

1. Influence Is Not Optional — It's Inevitable  
You are already shaping others by the way you live. The question is not *if* you influence, but *what direction* your influence is pointing. Influence Flows From Relationship, Not Reputation
2. Jesus changed the world by doing life with people. Proximity, trust, and shared life create the soil where influence grows.
3. Influence Requires Courage to Speak Truth in Love  
Our lives must reflect Jesus, but our mouths must also confess Jesus. Loving witness completes loving presence.
4. Influence Multiplies When You Invest in Others  
The goal is not gathering a crowd, but growing disciples who make disciples. Legacy is built through multiplication.

### 2) ADDITIONAL BIBLICAL ACCOUNTS OF “UNLIKELY” INFLUENCE

Read one or two together.

- Andrew Brings Peter to Jesus – John 1:40–42. Andrew doesn't preach a sermon. He simply brings his brother.
- The Samaritan Woman – John 4:28–30, 39. A woman with a broken past becomes the catalyst for an entire town.
- Dorcas (Tabitha) – Acts 9:36–42. Her quiet acts of kindness create massive impact.
- Ananias and Saul (Paul) – Acts 9:10–19. One obedient disciple helps launch the ministry of the greatest missionary.
- The Boy With Five Loaves and Two Fish – John 6:8–13. A small offering becomes a miracle in Jesus' hands.

What do these stories have in common?

### 3) CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Influence Is Inevitable  
Where do you see yourself already influencing others (family, work, friendships, habits, attitudes)? What direction is that influence currently pointing?
- Relationship Over Reputation  
Who has God placed in your life that you have relational access to? What might it look like to become more intentional with them?
- Courageous Witness  
What fears tend to hold you back from speaking about Jesus? What would a small, faithful step of courage look like for you?
- Multiplying Influence  
Is there someone God may be inviting you to invest in more deeply so they can grow and influence others?
- Response Question: What do you sense God asking or tasking you to do in response to this week's message?

