

Life Guide – July 22nd

INFLUENCE

PUT ME IN, COACH – 1<sup>ST</sup> PETER 4:8-11

Start your group with the following questions:

Who or what has been your biggest influence in your life and why?

Share joys and concerns. Then say this prayer together.

Lord, open our hearts and minds that we might see the opportunities we have to use our gifts to be a positive influence in our church and in our community. Amen.

Read this week's Bible text is 1 Peter 4:8-11

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the Glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Spend some time talking about the gifts you have received from God. How have these gifts influenced your life? How have you used these gifts in the service of others?

Scripture states that when we speak, we must do so as one speaking the very words of God. And whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies. Discuss whether you have ever felt like you were speaking God's words or serving through the strength of God. What was the situation? What did that feel like?

Debbie is going to be talking about the influences that can happen during mission trips and the relationships that are formed during these times. If you have been on a mission trip talk about the way it influenced you.

She also challenges the congregation to find new ways in which we can influence our community, our congregation and our church. Are there places your life group or class

would like us to serve that we are not doing now? Are there new ministries you think we should be doing? How can we move forward on what you would like to see happen?

Preview the sermon series:

Influence:

7/29/2018 – II Timothy 3:10-17 “Standing on Giant Shoulders” Dr. Gardner

Reboot:

<b>August 5, 2018</b> Gardner	Genesis 1: 27-31	<i>“Restored”</i>	Dr. Michael
<b>August 12, 2018</b> Gardner	II Corinthians 5:16-21	<i>“Renewed”</i>	Dr. Michael
<b>August 19, 2018</b> Gardner, <b><i>Back-to-School Sunday, one 9 am Combined Service</i></b>	Revelation 21:1-7	<i>“Refocused”</i>	Dr. Michael
<b>August 26, 2018</b> Gardner	II Corinthians 3:1-6	<i>“Refreshed”</i>	Dr. Michael

Announce the Adult Council events and your next Life Group or Class.

Summer Movie Night at Old Mission – Movies starting at 5:00

July 22 – The Incredibles

Close in prayer.