

Who's Influencing You? Discussion Questions Week Two

- 1) In this week's message, Pastor Aaron reminds us that God doesn't live in a temple made by human hands but in the hearts of those who have trusted Christ. What difference should this make in our world?
- 2) God gives us His Spirit to dwell in us and fill us daily so we can live dependent upon God. What have you learned about the Holy Spirit? What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit? What would you like God to teach you about the Holy Spirit? Write a prayer and ask God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to guide you to the Scriptures and teachings to help you learn what you desire to know. If you want a book, try *The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life* by Charles Stanley.
- 3) Read Acts 11:19-30. What do you learn about the early church in these verses? What do you learn about Barnabas? In the message, Pastor Aaron reminds us that as followers of Jesus, people outside the faith should be able to look at our lives and see God at work in us and through us through the power of His Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:19-26 says, "Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things, there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." What is God at work to show you through this series? What steps do you need God to help you take?
- 4) Pastor Aaron shares three marks of an influential church in the message.
 - a. An influential church believes the Gospel is for everyone.
 - b. An influential church lives both grace and truth. The church must demonstrate grace and hold to the truth of God's word of who Jesus is. (John 14:6)
 - c. An influential church is generous to other churches.Please pray for Central to be an influential church. Please pray for God's will for the church. Please pray for the council and staff to wholeheartedly follow Jesus and lead the church well.
- 5) Pastor Aaron shares two marks of an influential person for Jesus in the message.
 - a. Kingdom influence requires integrity with others. Integrity is not about perfection. It means having an integrated life so that who you say you are and what you say you believe are true about you.
 - b. Kingdom influencers see things in others that other people don't and share what they see to encourage the people around them.

Please pray God shows you how to become an influential person for Jesus. The next message series will be a five-week series to help you learn how to become influential for the Kingdom of God. Central welcomes any questions you have!