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Philippians 2: 12 - 18

INFLUENCE

NO MATTER WHAT

KEY VERSE

For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. - Phil 2:13 NRSV

MAIN IDEA

Influence is the effect you have on others through your words, actions, and attitudes. Jesus calls us to be the influence of light amidst darkness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ✦ Think about someone who has had a positive influence on your life. What was it about this person that left this positive impact on you?
- ✦ Paul says to "shine like stars in the world." Name some of the ways he suggests we go about doing this in the passage.
- ✦ Of the ways that Paul asks us to shine like stars, which is the most challenging for you? Why do you think that is?
- ✦ Who are the people in your life that you influence? What kind of influence do you want to have in others' lives and why?