

# MESSAGE NOTES

My52: IDENTITY CRISIS: Finding Who I Am Through the Eyes of Jesus  
Chapter 12: Social Influencers for Jesus

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Are you the reason God isn't working in your life?

Who are social influencers for Jesus?

Herod	Area	Gospel Role	Significance
Archelaus	_____	Matthew 2:22	Shapes where Jesus grows up
Antipas	Galilee & Perea	_____ ; Luke 23	Executes John; questions Jesus
Philip	Northern Regions	Matthew 16 (context)	Setting for Peter's _____

John 4:46-53

1) Desperation \_\_\_\_\_ You.

- What has God \_\_\_\_\_ in your life that's stripping your \_\_\_\_\_?

2) Faith Acts Before It Sees.

- John 4:50b (NIV) "The man \_\_\_\_\_ and departed."
- Here's What Jesus Says About Worry: \_\_\_\_\_
- Here's What Jesus Says About Purity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Here's What Jesus Says About Money: \_\_\_\_\_
- Here's What Jesus Said About Sex & Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_
- Faith is clocking in \_\_\_\_\_ you see the \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Your \_\_\_\_\_ Influences \_\_\_\_\_ Than You Know.

- John 4:53 "So he and his whole \_\_\_\_\_ believed."

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*For the week of March 22, 2026*

## OPENING DISCUSSION | Let's Get the Discussion Started

- 1) Who are the "influencers" in our society today? How do they cause influence?
- 2) Think of your walk with Jesus. Who was an influencer in your faith journey? How did they cause influence in you?

## BIBLICAL REFLECTION | What Does God Say About This?

- 1) Read John 4:46-54. What events in this man's life led him to this encounter with Jesus?
- 2) Share a story you experienced where either your desperation, or someone else's, led to what seemed like a "chance" meeting where the situation was "magically" resolved because of that meeting.
- 3) Rusty made the point in his message that "desperation positions you." Who in your life are you currently "positioned" near that needs the hope of Jesus this Easter?

What would your relationship with the person(s) look like if they were to give their lives to Jesus fully and were baptized into new life on April 12th for Baptism Sunday?

- 4) John 4:50b says that the man, "took Jesus at His word and departed." Read the following scriptures and discuss how your life would be different if you truly believed these words and trusted God with them.

Matthew 6:31-32 – Worry

John 14:6 - Heaven

Matthew 5:8 – Purity

Ephesians 2:8-9 – Salvation by Grace

Luke 6:38 – Money

Galatians 6:2-3 - Serving

Matthew 19:4-6 – Sex & Marriage

Philippians 4:13 - Contentment

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION | Walking It Out

- 1) Tell the group who your "My One More" is for this Easter. Join together to pray over them all and ask God to provide the opportunity to invite them, the words to say, and the courage to follow God's leading.
- 2) Take the Challenge: Do one simple thing or have one simple conversation to make your commitment to Jesus more visible. It could be placing a Bible on your desk, using a scripture as a screen saver, or saying to a friend, "Have I ever told you why I go to church?"