



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make A Difference: Part 2

Small Group Questions: Changing the Data

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Read

Luke 10:25–37 and Proverbs 21:2

Reflect

We tend to think of Samaritans as charitable and helpful people, but in Jesus’s day, they were looked down upon. Yet a Samaritan is the hero of Jesus’s story—the unexpected one to show mercy—the only one. We do not know what was going through the minds of the priest and the temple assistant when they did not help, but in their place, would we act much better? Do we sometimes wonder what difference we could really make?

Statistical data can make situations seem overwhelming, but Pastor Josh Surratt highlights several ways we can become a data changer:

1. Be aware of my own blind spots.
 - a. After a conversation with someone, have you ever discovered you had a blind spot? How did your perspective change?
 - b. How willing are you to ask someone close to you what he or she considers your blind spots to be?
 - i. If you have already, what did you find out?
2. Pay attention to the people around me.
 - a. Have you ever read or heard about a certain group of people and thought, “Well, that’s not a surprise”?
 - i. During the week, try to catch yourself possibly making assumptions about people, or pre-judging them.
 - b. Which of the following reasons might keep you from engaging with someone who needs help? Distractions? Biases? Fear? Insecurity? Other? Explain.
 - c. Would you say you live in a Christian bubble? How often do you spend time with people who are not Christians?
 - i. If you spend time with people with views very different from yours, what are a few poignant things you’ve learned from them?
 - d. How and when could you focus more on those outside the church?
3. Get skin in the game.
 - a. What have you witnessed recently that moved you?
 - i. How might you get more involved?
 - b. Where are you investing your time and money for others?
4. Start today.
 - a. What’s God calling you to do?
 - b. Does it motivate you to remember: do for one, what you wish you could do for everyone?

Respond: What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?