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Week 2

What is a difference maker? Someone who is committed and purposeful about the relationships that they make and the decisions they make.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house." **Matthew 5:14-15 NLT**

Some common traits of difference makers:

- **Difference makers are driven by a deep sense of purpose.**
- **Difference makers instinctively know how to get things done.**
- **Difference makers possess exceptional empathy and compassion.**
- **Difference makers are not content with simply talking about change; they take action.**
- **Difference makers understand the power of collaboration.**

CAN ONE PERSON MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

"50% of all bullying events stop when an upstander decides to intervene. This shows how important one bystander can be in a challenging situation or even someone's life."

1. **Take action.**
2. **Do not encourage or join in the bullying.**
3. **Encourage your friends to stand up for them as well.**

4. **Do something.**
5. **Talk to the individual.**
6. **Be a friend.**
7. **Encourage the victim to get help.**
8. **Report the abuse.**

CAN A GROUP MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, Ed McCully, Peter Fleming, and Roger Youderian were killed on January 8, 1956, while attempting to make contact with Auca Indian tribe in Ecuador.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."
Jim Elliot

³⁴ "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." **John 13:34-35 NLT**

⁸ "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **Acts 1:8 NLT**

Next Steps for me today...

- **To trust God with your life.**
- **To trust God to change your heart and use you for His Kingdom.**