



Week 2, Day 4:

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

Colossians 1:3-6

Change Agent

Have you ever thought of yourself as an agent of change in the world? Or that maybe your life could be a catalyst for even more lives to be changed? Have you ever thought that perhaps God changed your life, so that He could partner with you to change the lives of other's?

I love the idea of life change being multiplied. When God changes one life, He wants to partner with and use that person to change more lives. Verse 6 in this passage is so clear:

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What does it look like for us to partner with God to have our lives be catalysts of change in the lives of others?

Lives are changed when we **gather** on Sundays. When we experience the work of Jesus in our church and in our lives, we want to invite others to experience this as well. In fact, God has written so many stories at The Ridge that start with these nine words:

“Would you join me at The Ridge this week?”

It’s only nine words, but we know so many whose lives have been changed by Jesus because of this invite. So often we hear them say, “It was like the person on the platform was speaking right to me.” That’s God at work.

Sometimes it can be intimidating to invite someone. Sometimes it can be awkward. Sometimes people say no, before they say yes. But that short moment of discomfort in extending an invite, is so worth it when we see that invitation change someone’s eternity.

What if that one invite you extend this week, leads someone towards their journey of realizing that God is FOR them?

One short moment of discomfort could change someone’s forever.

REFLECT:

Who can you think of who needs to know that God is FOR them, who you could invite to join you at The Ridge for one of our Christmas Eve services? Who can you invite again who may have said no in the past? Maybe this is the time they say yes. Push past the temptation to let your discomfort in extending an invitation, stop you from inviting someone at all. Consider the possibility that your moment of boldness in inviting them, could change their eternity.