

SERMON SERIES NAME: THE DIFFERENCE ONE LIFE CAN MAKE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: WEEK 1

# **BIG IDEA**

Over the past 20 years at Sagebrush, we have seen God do exceedingly and abundantly beyond what we could ever ask or imagine. We have seen over 12,000 people get baptized, lives rescued from addictions, families restored, and launched eight locations that worship and make Christ known in our world. While we have seen great success, we have also seen our culture grow darker. People have become cold to the things of God, and at the same time, Christians seem more isolated. Christians seem fearful to have conversations and build relationships with those who are far from God. This campaign, *The Difference*, is an all-out movement to rekindle the fire of sharing Jesus with others. In this study, we will take a look at how to be a light in a dark place.

## BREAK THE ICE

How did you first start coming to Sagebrush? What was your first impression?

## WATCH ONE LIFE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE VIDEO #1

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Write down the names of five people that you know right now who don't have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Give them time then ask: Was this easy or hard for you? Why or why not?
- 2. What was your light bulb moment from watching the video?
- 3. How have you seen that our culture has been growing darker? What about Christians becoming more isolated?
- 4. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What is the importance of being a light in a dark place so we can make a difference?
- 5. Do you see yourself as a Christian who is on the front lines sharing your faith, or as a Christian who has retreated to safety and comfort?
- 6. What do you think would happen if every person at Sagebrush learned to be a light and share Jesus with others?
- 7. What is one way that you can put these principles into action this week?

### MOVING FORWARD

As a group, read Matthew 28:19-20. When you read the words, have your group members close their eyes and think through what Jesus was calling us to do. You may even want to read it through a couple of times. In light of what we learned from the video, discussion, and from what you heard, what are some changes that you might



need to make to be a Christian who is on the front line rather than one that is trying to be comfortable? When you are finished with the discussion, close your group in prayer.

#### MEMORY VERSE

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16