Hope City

Discussion Guide The Difference A Day Makes

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All It Takes Is One

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Main Idea

You never know the difference a day makes. There are 24 hours in one day, 1440 minutes, 86,400 seconds in each and every day. Our lives are made up of a series of moments. But just one of those moments can change everything.

Isaiah 55:6-7 (NIV)

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

Additional Scripture: John 4:1-19, 23-26, 39-42

He Is The God Who Pursues

The woman at the well went out at the hottest part of the day for water just to avoid encountering others. Her lifestyle felt real, and the love felt legitimate, until Jesus's love for her showed up. She encounters the REAL thing - the agape, unconditional, unwavering, unfailing love and that moment changed everything.

What "well" are you dipping into when no one is around? What kind of group can you join and open yourself up to accountability and growth?

Additional Scripture: Proverbs 27:17

We Have A Choice To Respond

One day you're going to look back very grateful because things went God's way and not yours. When you encounter Jesus, you're always faced with a choice. Either you go His way, or your own way. How can you tell that you've made the right choice?

Additional Scripture: Joshua 24:15

Pass It On

Now that we've had our moment, we can present a choice to others. Because healthy people help people. Who can you pass it on to?

Additional Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-10, Ephesians 5:8

SUMMARY

All it takes is one encounter at your lowest place. One encounter in a coffee shop with a stranger. One encounter in a church service to walk out healed. All it takes is one response. As the Holy Spirit is nudging your heart, all it takes is one decision to say yes to Him.

CALL TO ACTION

- 1. Pastor Daniel shared a story about a friend who bought fake Nike sneakers and how when you place them next to the original, you can tell. Put your life and character next to Jesus and determine if you're living the real thing.
- 2. Can't stress this enough. If you're not in a group, get in a group.
- 3. What was the moment that marked your life? Share your story with at least one person this week.

A great way to take advantage of your moment is to put your purpose into action through <u>Growth Track</u>, <u>Leading</u> a Connect Group, or serving on a <u>Dream Team</u>. If you need assistance you can email <u>info@hopecity.com</u>.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Who Are You

Hand out blank paper and ask each person to write or draw a short description of themselves. Then put all the papers face down in the middle of the table and go through them, trying to figure out who belongs to which description. You can do this yourself, which gives the team a chance to further bond as they work together to help you out.