

Necessary Connections

You Need Models

Once upon a time, our nation had heroes. Astronauts. Presidents. Police chiefs. John Wayne. Rosa Parks. Men and women who weren't just admired, they were elevated and emulated. Where have all the heroes gone? Perhaps more than in any other time in history, there is a noticeable vacuum of cultural models. In fact, the "biggest" heroes of our culture's young adults are primarily the superheroes from the Marvel and DC Universes. This week's conversation addresses that vacuum because the world needs a real world heroes.

Luke 11:1-4

1. _____ and _____ inspire us to achieve more, to be more, to become our best selves.
2. We need more than _____ to be successful.
That's why _____ are important.
3. The point of a having models is to _____ something
They _____ in order to _____ something they _____.
4. Only _____ brings about _____. Models
Inspire _____ - _____.

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I will make a list of areas in my life I want to be different and choose one to work on
- I will make a list of those I know who model the kind of difference I want to experience
- I will choose a model who inspires me and watch what they do in order to become the difference I want to be

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper, Going Further

Scripture: Luke 11:1–13

Introduction: The Bible is filled with people who weren't just models, but who knew they were models and expected others to emulate them.. Elisha learned by following Elijah. The twelve watched Jesus. And Timothy modeled Paul. It can certainly be said that each of these models was an inspiration to others. However, a good model goes beyond inspiration and provides the ferment for a real life change in others. Paul knew that Jesus was an inspiration and offered his life as model. However, Paul also knew that disciples needed more than the teachings and the stories about Jesus ... they needed a model they could see, rub shoulders with, and emulate in the day to day practices of the faith.

1. Who were some of your heroes as a child? Why were they your heroes?
2. Take a moment and share one living person you know, or know of, who has inspired you in some way (and how they inspired you).
3. Read Luke 11:1–13. Why do you think the apostles asked Jesus to teach them to pray?
4. What are some things Jesus did that his disciples emulated?
5. Dr. Bill said that only pressure brings about life change. What are some pressure points you've experienced in your life that initiated a change?
6. Read 1 Cor 11:1, 2 Tim 1:13, Phil 4:9, 2 Thess 3:9. Do you think Paul was arrogant? Why or why not?
7. Why is it so important to intentionally have a model in our lives?

Who will you invite to worship with you this week?
