

Influence: Ability or power to affect change.

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How can we influence our church and our culture?

Vision

Acts 11.17-21

Influence is the result of vision

The World Was About To Change

17 Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads to life.*"

19 So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and *began* speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.

Peter's explanation and actions influenced the church to accept Gentiles

This influenced some to go to Antioch to evangelize Greeks

This led to a world that would forever change

Our World (Culture) Still Needs Change

Influence is a vision strategy to guide the church and staff for the next four years.

Influence the Culture

Grow the Missions Budget from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Grow and expand events to double the number of people who walk onto our campus.

Influence the Church

Add four ministry and /or technical staff to accommodate a church with a weekly on campus attendance of 1500.

Organize, increase and develop WSC to accommodate a church with a weekly on campus attendance of 1500.

Influence is to reduce the principle on our debt to allow us to refinance the debt and provide more budget money to influence the culture and our church.

Influence people so they can follow Jesus