



“Impact on the World”
Small Group Discussion Guide
July 27, 2025

Key Scriptures: Matthew 28:18-20

Key Points:

They changed because of Jesus’ **presence** and **sacrifice**.

If we are **present**, but not **sacrificial**, we are a standard the world can’t meet.

If we are **sacrificial**, but not **present**, we are a gift that is never given.

Group Opener:

Think about a time when you had good intentions to do something but didn’t follow through. What held you back?

Discuss:

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What do you think makes it easy to stay in the “garage”—to stay comfortable in our Christian circles—and hard to step out and “go” to the world around us?
2. What’s the danger of serving in church without remembering the sacrifice of Jesus? How do pride or comfort sneak in when we grow spiritually but forget our need for the cross?
3. We want to help you unlock clarity into who God has shaped you to be. Hop online to the long-form questionnaire (the S.H.A.P.E. Test), which can be found at hcbc.com/shape. **Set aside 45 uninterrupted minutes this week to take the test.** For those that have already taken it, what stood out to you or what did you learn?
4. You are in your relational world for a specific reason. Your oikos matters to Jesus. Where is God calling you to be *both* present and sacrificial? How can you be the presence of Jesus to others this week?

Pray:

Take time to pray that as a small group you would be both present and sacrificial this week, and that you would “go” and make an impact on the world.

S.H.A.P.E.:

S – Spiritual Gifts: What do you believe your spiritual gifts are?

H – Heart: What causes or people-groups are you most passionate about?

A – Abilities: What are you naturally good at?

P – Personality: What words best describe your temperament or approach to life?

E – Experiences: What key moments in your life (good or hard) have shaped you deeply?