



2021 Walk to Bethlehem



Week 2 Meditation

The Ripple Maker



Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.”

Matthew 9:35

What does it take to change a community? What does it take to change a lifestyle? What does it take to change the world?

The Pike Street Market in Seattle is a wonderful myriad of tastes, smells, sights and sounds. Musicians frequently gather to entertain shoppers and the curious. The music is high quality and entertaining. A similar scene is acted out every day in cities across the world. People stand and listen respectfully, and then from the crowd, a brave soul breaks the silence and walks to the open violin case, depositing a gift of appreciation. Soon others break the silence and step up in a spirit of bashful thankfulness. The air is somewhat tense, but the music becomes sweeter.

Jesus was perhaps the greatest ripple maker who ever lived on this earth. Everywhere He went He influenced behavior for the good. His small band of disciples became ripple makers and today we

who believe in Jesus Christ are examples of the influence and courage of those early believers.

We all have the capability to be ripple makers and change agents in this world. We can begin by influencing our immediate group of friends, family and co-workers. A kind word, encouragement to make healthy lifestyle choices, to join a study group, to attend a worship service or to take a walk, are all positive ripples. Can we change the world? Yes! As we walk to Bethlehem and study about people of different countries and cultures, we can also pray for the people in those countries. As we walk to Bethlehem we can invite friends and neighbors to walk along with us. As we walk, we can speak words of hope and peace to them. That's what the ripple effect is all about: Influencing our world (personal, local and global) in a positive way ... one person at a time. It worked for Jesus, the greatest ripple maker of all time. It can work for us!

Week 2 Meditation Video and Questions

Watch This Video! Place your mouse over the link words and hit the “Ctrl” key and click your mouse. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovj5dzMxzmc>

Ponder these questions this week and please send your thoughts (and pictures) to:
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1. Who are the people in my sphere of influence?
2. Am I a positive or negative ripple maker?
3. How can I influence my friends, family and neighbors for good?
4. Is there someone I can ask to walk alongside me?