



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“Making a Difference for God”

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Ephesians 2:10(NIV) For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1. God wants us to join Him in making a Godly difference in our world.
2. We need God’s truth actively working in our lives in order to have an impact on the people around us.

Making a Difference Requires the Following Characteristics:

1. A _____ with Christ.

John 15:1-4 (NIV) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

- We need to learn from _____.
- From the _____ of Christ will come the _____ of Christ.

2. _____ = think of others more _____ than ourselves.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Romans 12:3 (NIV) For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

We tend to judge others based on their _____, but ourselves on our _____.

3. By being a _____.

Mark 10: 43b-45 (NIV) “Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- A servant looks for ways to _____.
- A servant is willing to _____ to others.

<p>Personal Action Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on your relationship with Christ. Is it really active and growing or has it become stale? What do I need to do to improve? • How am I doing in living a life of humility in the most important relationships of my life? • In what ways can I be a Christ-like servant?
