

Turn Your World Upside Down
Part 5 – “Turning Our Community Upside Down”
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Intro:

Matt 28:19 “Go and make disciples of all nations...”

ECC Process of Discipleship: Making an IMPACT...To Love...To Grow...To Serve

We have 3 priorities – To love...which is expressed in our Sunday morning celebration and connection groups. To grow...which is expressed in our Path to Discipleship. To serve...which is expressed in our daily lives in the places we live, work and play; as well as through the local church. The vision of E.C.C. is to gather together weekly for corporate worship, loving God and each other; then to come together in small Connection Groups for discipleship and fellowship, and are regularly involved in reaching out to others with the love, acceptance, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ through community outreach. To Love...To Grow...To Serve!

Often times, we get ourselves into a rut, doing the same old thing over and over again. Our lives lose their IMPACT due to lazy attitudes and taking things for granted. To put it simply – we’re spoiled. It’s time to turn our life as we know it UPSIDE DOWN.

During this series we will look at how to turn our way of doing things UPSIDE DOWN to make an even greater IMPACT in an ever evolving culture. Doing life differently, thinking about life differently, and refining the way we’ve always dealt with our issues in new and innovative ways. How do we change the paradigm of the church in the way we think and act towards the different issues of life? How do we allow the Holy Spirit to turn our lives “UPSIDE DOWN” in order to make a greater IMPACT for the Kingdom of God?

That’s what this series is all about.

Today’s message is simple and sweet. It’s about making an IMPACT in our community, turning our community Upside Down.

How do we do that? One person at a time.

If we will look at our community as a community of one, and then another, and then another, one person at a time – that’s when we’ll begin to see how we can make a difference. If you look at the community as a whole, it can be very overwhelming and the feeling will be that there is no way you can make a difference. But, one person at a time, you can do.

We’ll be looking at a simple acrostic during this message today about Turning our Communities Upside Down.

Here we go...

How to Turn Our Community Upside Down

- **Look**

Look for the needs
Look for the hurts
Look for the desires

Take on the eyes of Christ, seeing the community, one person at a time, through the eyes of Christ. You have to ask yourself, how would Christ see that person? What would Christ see if He were to be looking at that person? It's time to look.

- **Listen**

After you've looked, then listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to you. What is God saying to you?

- **Light it Up**

This simply means, do it! Walk in obedience to what God is telling you. Put some action to what you've seen and heard God tell you to do and light it up!

- **Lay it Down**

Lay down your life in humility and prayer for that person, for you community. You can only do so much, then you have to lay it all down to God and allow Him to do His thing.

Conclusion:

It's short and simple. But, if we will do these things.... Then....

You watch, you wait, you'll see!