

# BECOMING A WORLD CHANGER

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This discussion handout accompanies the *Becoming a World Changer* video, found on Youtube.  
This can be used as part of a workshop or a small group discussion.

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## Task #1: Biblical Insight: Should Christians Change the World?

Read the following Bible passage and discuss the questions:

### Colossians 1:15-23 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

<sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of<sup>[a]</sup> your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup>But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

#### Footnotes:

- a. Colossians 1:21 Or *minds, as shown by*

1. In this Colossians excerpt, how often does the concept of “all things” or similar words, occur? What does “all things” entail? What are “thrones or powers or rulers or authorities”? What can we learn about the gospel from Paul’s emphasis here?

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2. What is the difference between the first paragraph and the second? And what is the connection between them?
  
3. Do you see a continuum or connection between the call for personal change (lives changed) and the call for social change (world changed) in this passage?

## **Task #2: Watch the *Becoming a World Changer* Video**

What were the five major themes of becoming a world changer mentioned in the video?

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Was there anything new or different for you? Or what did you find most helpful?

Would you add any other principles/themes to this list of five?

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## Task #3: What Others Say

Read the following quotes:

We must become the change we wish to see in the world. – Mahatma Ghandi

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. – Mother Teresa

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead (Anthropologist)

No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world. – Robin Williams (actor)

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. – Nelson Mandela

What further insights do you find from these quotes?

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## Closing Prayer

Consider closing your time together in prayer. If people are comfortable, you can each take turns praying or one person can choose to lead in prayer. Thank God for how he will change the world, right all the wrongs when Jesus comes again to usher in the new heaven and earth. Pray for yourselves as God's change agents in your own spheres of influence. Pray for those who make it their life calling to create positive change for God's glory. End your praying time with the following two prayers:

God, give us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed;  
Give us the courage to change what should be changed;  
Give us the wisdom to distinguish one from the other.

- Reinhold Niebuhr

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
You work great things in me.

And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight – for the world is about to turn.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

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