

# LifeGroup Sermon Series Study

2021-2022

*Series Four*



TOTAL  
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## Styles for Total Impact



Our world today needs answers. We need hope. We need love. We need acceptance. In the last two days (as I write this) we have seen one suicide and one murder-suicide in Fort Wayne. That is not even mentioning the murders, suicides, shootings, and attacks that are happening in our nation daily. If there was ever a time that we needed a savior, it is now; and I believe Jesus Christ is that savior.

We use a term at LifeWater called “Person of Interest.” This is a person you know that is not actively walking with Jesus and/or not attending church. The person can be a hardened atheist, or a seeker, a person who once accepted Christ but has not grown in faith, or a person who has walked away from their faith and/or church. The Person of Interest can be a co-worker, friend, neighbor, someone who sits next to you in school, a family member, a child, youth, or adult. It is someone who you know and interact with (or have the potential to interact with) on a regular basis.

Studies show that followers of Christ are fearful of transitioning conversations to spiritual things, sharing our story of faith, and inviting people to church. But studies also show that non-Christians are very open to spiritual conversations, hearing our story, and accepting an invitation to church. People who are not walking with Jesus want two things: A personal relationship and authenticity. People are not projects; programs are not more important than people; and we need to authentically love others.

This series is about how you and I, average followers of Christ who are learning and growing in our faith, can have a total impact on the world around us. We don’t need to be a pastor, evangelist, or have a dynamic testimony. We simply need to care about people who are lost, be intentional, and allow God to lead us. I am looking forward to learning together how to totally impact our world.

Pastor Doug

**“Styles of Total Impact”**

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**“Styles of Total Impact” - Serving Style**  
**Acts 9:36-39**  
**Lesson 1**

**I. Purpose:**

- A. To help us understand what the serving style is.
- B. To help us know the strengths and weaknesses of this style.
- C. To help us see how we can use the serving style to have a total impact on people we know.

**II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)**

- A. What is your next step and how are you doing with taking that step?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

**III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)**

- A. Review the points of the Pastor’s message.
- B. Sermon outline: The Serving Style.
  - 1. Three strengths of people with the Serving Style:
    - 1. They find fulfillment in doing \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 9:36
    - 2. They \_\_\_\_\_ hope to the poor. Acts 9:36
    - 3. They are \_\_\_\_\_ in giving practical gifts. Acts 9:39
  - 2. Three weaknesses of people with the Serving Style:
    - a. They think that simply \_\_\_\_\_ others will somehow bring people to Christ.
    - b. There is an over-emphasis on giving \_\_\_\_\_ without the gospel.
    - c. They fool themselves into thinking that helping the \_\_\_\_\_ is the No.1 priority.

## Lesson 1 cont.

- C. What spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?
- D. Additional scriptures to look at: Numbers 4:46-49a; Mark 10:45; Romans 12:7, 11; Ephesians 6:7.

### IV. **Community that Applies: (20 minutes)**

- A. What do you first notice about Tabitha?
- B. Why do you think doing good and helping the poor had such an impact on this community?
- C. What does doing good and helping the poor look like today?
- D. Can you see yourself using this style to reach your Person of Interest? Why or why not?
- E. What is the biggest roadblock you are facing to using this style to reach your Person of Interest?
- F. What is God saying to you about using the serving style for total impact?

## Lesson 1 cont.

### V. **Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)**

Is there something you need to start doing or stop doing because of what you learned about these styles of total impact?

### VI. **Community that Prays: (5 minutes)**

- A. Spend a few minutes sharing how you are doing with taking your next step in having a total impact with your person of interest.
- B. Then have a time of prayer for each person and their person of interest.

### VII. **Community that Looks Ahead:**

- A. The scripture next week is Luke 5:29.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, watch online at [www.lifewatercc.org](http://www.lifewatercc.org) before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

# “Styles for Total Impact” - Relational Style

Luke 5:29

## Lesson 2

### I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand what the relational style is.
- B. To help us know the strengths and weaknesses of this style.
- C. To help us see how we can use the relational style to have a total impact on people we know.

### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is your next step and how are you doing with taking that step?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor’s message.
- B. Sermon outline: The Relational Style.
  - 1. Three strengths of people with the Relational Style:
    - a. They \_\_\_\_\_ people to come together.  
Luke 5:29a
  
    - b. They \_\_\_\_\_ people on a friendship basis.  
Luke 5:29b
  
    - c. They \_\_\_\_\_ and attract people. Luke 5:29c
  
  - 2. Three weaknesses of people with the Relational Style:
    - a. Their love for \_\_\_\_\_ leaves them vulnerable to peer pressure.
  
    - b. They resist doing \_\_\_\_\_ that might risk the friendship.

## Lesson 2 cont.

- c. They hide behind waiting to earn the right to be heard instead of \_\_\_\_\_ speaking truth to people.
- C. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?
- D. Additional scriptures to look at: Luke 19:1-10; 1 Corinthians 9:19-22; 1 Corinthians 10:33.

### IV. **Community that Applies: (20 minutes)**

- A. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word “relationships”?
- B. What are some difficulties today in building relationships?
- C. What are some ways you could rearrange your schedule to use the relational style more effectively? Are you willing to do this?
- D. Can you see yourself using this style to reach your Person of Interest? Why or why not?
- E. What is the biggest roadblock you are facing to using this style to reach your Person of Interest?
- F. What is God saying to you about using the relational style for total impact?

### V. **Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)**

Is there something you need to start or stop doing because of what you learned about this style of total impact?



## **Lesson 2 cont.**

### **VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)**

Spend a few minutes in silent prayer about your next step, then share with the group.

### **VII. Community that Looks Ahead:**

- A. The scriptures next week are John 4:25-30.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, watch online at [www.lifewatercc.org](http://www.lifewatercc.org) before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of silencesilence.

# **“Styles of Total Impact” - Invitational Style**

**John 4:25-30**

## **Lesson 3**

### **I. Purpose:**

- A. To help us understand what the invitational style is.
- B. To help us know the strengths and weaknesses of this style.
- C. To help us see how we can use the invitational style to have a total impact on people we know.

### **II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)**

- A. What is your next step and how are you doing with taking that step?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

### **III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)**

- A. Review the points of the Pastor’s message.
- B. Sermon outline: The Invitational Style.
  - 1. Three strengths of people with the Invitational Style:
    - a. They \_\_\_\_\_ from their own experience. John 4:25-26
  
    - b. They have a \_\_\_\_\_ of urgency. John 4:28-30
  
    - c. They will \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity with anyone who will come. John 4:30
  - 2. Three weaknesses of people with the Invitational Style:
    - a. They may not see there is more to disciple-making than inviting \_\_\_\_\_ to an \_\_\_\_\_.
  
    - b. They over-emphasize the importance of the \_\_\_\_\_ they are inviting \_\_\_\_\_ to.

### Lesson 3 cont.

c. They may redirect the responsibility of having spiritual conversations to the \_\_\_\_\_ or leader of the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. What spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?

D. Additional scriptures to look at: Psalm 66:5-6; Matthew 9:9-13, 28:19-20; Luke 7:36-50; John 1:40-46.

#### IV. **Community that Applies: (20 minutes)**

A. Do you think the woman at the well was afraid to invite people to meet Jesus? Why or why not?

B. Why do you think the people accepted this woman's invitation?

C. What do you think happened that the people would tell the woman that they believed (not just because of what she said but because they heard for themselves)? Why is this so important?

D. Can you see yourself using this style to reach your Person of Interest? Why or why not?

E. What is the biggest roadblock you are facing to using this style to reach your Person of Interest?

### **Lesson 3 cont.**

- F. What is God saying to you about using the invitational style for total impact?

#### **V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)**

Is there something you need to start or stop doing because of what you learned about these styles of total impact?

#### **VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)**

Spend time praying for the people you have invited to the Love Feast event.

#### **VII. Community that Looks Ahead:**

- A. The scriptures next week are John 9:7-11.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, watch online at [www.lifewatercc.org](http://www.lifewatercc.org) before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

**“Styles for Total Impact” - Testimonial Style**  
**John 9:7-11**  
**Lesson 4**

**I. Purpose:**

- A. To help us understand what the testimonial style is.
- B. To help us know the strengths and weaknesses of this style.
- C. To help us see how we can use the testimonial style to have a total impact on people we know.

**II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)**

- A. What is your next step and how are you doing with taking that step?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

**III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)**

- A. Review the points of the Pastor’s message.
- B. Sermon outline: The Testimonial Style.
  - 1. Three strengths of people with the Testimonial Style:
    - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus has brought into their lives can be seen. John 9:7b-9a
  
    - b. They \_\_\_\_\_ to others the change that people see. John 9:7b
  
    - c. They \_\_\_\_\_ the story of how Jesus changed their lives. John 9:7b-11
  
  - 2. Three weaknesses of people with the Testimonial Style:
    - a. They are good storytellers but tend to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.
  
    - b. They are passionate about their personal \_\_\_\_\_ but can become defensive when people don’t believe.

## Lesson 4 cont.

c. They focus the conversation too much on \_\_\_\_\_ and not enough on Jesus.

C. What spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?

D. Additional scriptures to look at: Luke 21:13-19; John 1:3; Acts 26:1-29.

### IV. **Community that Applies: (20 minutes)**

A. What is the first thing that you think of about giving your testimony? Why do you think that?

B. Can people see the change that is happening in your life as you follow Jesus?

C. Are you using opportunities to show the change that is happening in your life? How?

D. Can you see yourself using this style to reach your Person of Interest? Why or why not?

E. What is the biggest roadblock you face to using this style to reach your Person of Interest?

## Lesson 4 cont.

F. What is God saying to you about using the testimonial style for total impact?

V. **Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)**

Is there something you need to start or stop doing because of what you learned about this style of total impact?

VI. **Community that Prays: (5 minutes)**

Spend a few minutes talking to the person on your right about your next step and then pray.

VII. **Community that Looks Ahead:**

A. The scriptures next week are 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a.

B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, watch online at [www.lifewatercc.org](http://www.lifewatercc.org) before the next Life Group.

C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

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| 2-B1a | encourage  | 2-B1b | engage   | 2-B1c | enjoy       |
| 2-B2a | acceptance | 2-B2b | anything | 2-B2c | actually    |
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| 3-B2a | people     | 3-B2b | event    | 3-B2c | pastor      |
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