

**SERMON SERIES:** 52

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## Sermon Title:

“Who Are Social Influencers For Jesus?” (Part 1)

## Introduction

This past week we talked about how our past and our future are related, and how our calling is uncovered through obedience to Jesus. This week we are shifting our focus from our calling to the idea of social influencers. In the message this week, Scott Beckenhauer talked about the story of Nicodemus in the New Testament. As we talk about social influencers for Jesus, keep the story of Nicodemus and his encounter with Jesus in mind.

- Who are some social influencers that you have met or know? What are they known for influencing, and have you been personally influenced by them?

## Seek the Word

- Read 1 Samuel 10:9-27 and 13:1-15. What lessons do you glean from the life of Saul that are similar to what you learned from the life of Nicodemus?
- Read Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11, and James 2:1-7. Who are God’s favorites?

## Go Deeper

Practice your Scripture memory. Pick one of the passages we have talked about this week and commit to memorizing it. This may take time, though it will be beneficial to have it cemented into your memory.

## Talk About It

- When you think of the term *religious person*, who comes to mind? Describe either a specific person or list the characteristics of such a person.
- What does it mean to be born again? Not the theological definition, but the personal experience.
- What keeps people in general or you specifically from being born again?
- In what areas of your life have you tried to be a secret disciple? Have you ever been embarrassed about your faith or afraid to share it openly?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Surrender to Jesus and trust Him with the outcome.

*Challenge:* Do one simple thing or have one simple conversation to make your commitment to Jesus more visible. It could be placing a Bible on your desk, using a scripture as a screen saver, or saying to a friend, “Have I ever told you why I go to church?”