

# DIGDEEPER

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We Will Make a Difference by Dr. Richard Rogers

Matthew 28:19-20 ([Listen Online](#))

## THE BIG IDEA

If we want to be a church of people who live outward focused lives, we must commit to making a difference right where we live by being obedience to the call of God. Jesus left clear instructions for us before ascending into heaven, and those instructions will affect our daily life everywhere we go. As a church, we must act in obedience together to make a difference in our community for the glory of God.

**START A CONVERSATION** (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

- Who has made the biggest difference in your life?

## SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Now that we've walked through *I Will* in its entirety, we have to ask whether we actually want what it describes. Do you actually want to be an outwardly focused Christian? What things keep you from being more outwardly focused than you currently are?
- Look again at today's passage. Who disciples you? And who are you discipling?
- Do you know an "as you go" follower of Christ? How is their life different from your own?
- Name someone you will encounter this week who needs to know Jesus as their savior. In what practical ways can you fulfill the Great Commission in your relationship with them?
- How is God calling you to be courageously obedient this week?

## GO DEEPER

- Take a deeper look at [the story of Jeremiah Lanphier](#) whose obedience to God in Scripture and prayer led to the transformation of millions of lives.
- Rico Tice, author of *Honest Evangelism*, provides two reasons we can be [confidently committed to making Jesus known](#) where we are.
- David Mathis explains how [Christian hospitality](#) is a great way to make a difference right where you are. Welcome people in your space in hopes of bringing Jesus into theirs.
- [Baptism is an absolute necessity](#) in the life of a Christian. This brief devotional from *Tabletalk* magazine explains why Jesus commanded it and why we must obey.

## LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

In this week's chapter of *I Will*, Thom Rainer writes:

*"Jeremiah Lanphier was just one person, just like you and me. He knew he could not create a movement. His role was to petition to God for Him to move. His role was to be willing."*

Let's petition God together for him to move in our church and city. Ask God how we might better display his love to the people right around us. Let's be willing and ask God to move.