**Session 1: Influence**

**Intro:**

Hi I’m \_\_\_\_\_

Over the next 6 sessions we’ll hear teachings from pastors, information from experts, and stories from people in all walks of life

we will be talking about schools of influence.

Are you aware of the influences in your life?

And Have you ever thought about how influential your life is?

In the weeks ahead we’re gonna talk about some pretty important things to most of us

Money, work, greatness, the body, and faith.

What influences your thoughts and actions when it comes to these important topics?

Pastor Mike starts us out by helping us to first think about the influences around us…

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today

2 schools of influence exist – God’s and the World’s

The world may have influenced you in ways that you might not even be aware of.

What lessons do you need to unlearn?

God is the perfect teacher and you’re one of his kids! He has influenced you too. What lessons of His grace and His truth do you need to review and turn to again and again?

What lessons are you teaching with your life?

We’ll see you next time

**Session 2: Money**

**Intro:**

Hi I’m \_\_\_\_\_

Last session we talked a lot about influence. God is influencing us… The World is influencing us... This session we turn to Money. Our possessions and all the material things we own.

The world has a lot to say about this…

But so does our God…

How do you view money? Possessions? Resources?

Have you found yourself listening to the World more than God?

Pastor Tim helps us renew our minds when it comes money and all the gifts God has given us…

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today.

The World says More. More money, more stuff! But more is never enough and really leads to less. when we realize that, when we listen to God’s teaching, we see that everything we have is really God’s, we just manage it, for Him. When we follow just a fraction of his example, our lives are changed. For God so loved the world that he gave… he gave his only son. His generosity has made us rich… living like him… living generously… living less… is really the key to more.

We’ll see you next time…

**Session 3: Work**

**Intro:**

Hi, Welcome Back!

We continue to think about the teachings of the World and God and the influences in our lives. Most people put a lot of value in their work, their job. Behind all of that is the question of identity, purpose and even our calling in life. When you think of your work, and the different roles you have in life, how do you view them? what comes first? What comes last? What the world teaches and what God teaches about the different jobs we have are often at odds. Trevor VanBlarcom takes this head on and helps to give us think about who god has called us to be…

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today.

We often place what we do or what we have at the center of our lives. God challenges us to think not so much about what we do but who we are. His kids. His children.

The world wants to constrains us to a category, or say we can define ourselves, or we have to somehow discover our destiny trapped within… that’s a lot of pressure. God’s grace is freeing when we know that in him we don’t have a job but an identity, a calling, that he gives to us. He helps us and leads us. When we put our calling as his children first, everything else falls into place. Not only is that good for us… but it teaches a great lessons to those in our lives…

We’ll see you next time…

**Session 4: Greatness**

**Intro:**

Hi there, Welcome back to another week!

The Word of God and the World continue to compete for our attention. We continue to renew our minds, exposing the weak teachings of the world and discovering God’s good, pleasing and perfect will.

What do you think about greatness? Do you want to be great? a lot of people want to do something great with their lives. How we define greatness, however, makes a big difference. This session Trevor Van Blarcom is going to help us think that through a bit.

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today.

The world teaches that greatness is defined by how many people are looking at you… paying attention to you… singing your praises… wanting to be like you. This sort of desire for greatness is destructive – of yourself and those around you – creating jealousy, pride, even hatred for each other. Jesus came to serve all, yet he truly is the greatest. Living outside yourself is a great things. We look outside ourselves to Jesus, by faith. we look outside ourselves to serve others, by love. That, my friends, is true Greatness!

We’ll see you next time…

**Session 5: The Body**

**Intro:**

Hey Everyone!

We’re back in school. This lesson might make you feel a bit uncomfortable… we’ve talked about influence, money, work, greatness and now we turn to our bodies and sex. This is one subject that World continues to teach volumes on but its teachings pale in comparison to God’s. The Bible talks a lot about sex and the Body… Pastor Tim tackles this subject head-on and helps us not to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

**Outro:**

So here are a few things we talked about today.

The World teaches us that we are our own person and that we can do whatever we want with these bodies of ours. This has led to abusing the gift of sex; this abuse has only brought physical, emotional, and spiritual brokenness and shame to our world. Whether you’re single or married, God reminds you that sex within a committed marriage honors God, honors each other and honors these bodies that jesus bought when he gave his body on the cross… that’s God’s good, pleasing and perfect will for you.

We’ll see you next time…

**Session 6: Faith**

**Intro:**

Hello,

We’re in our final session of considering God’s School and the World’s school. We’ve considered their influence, their teachings on Money, work, greatness, the body, and in this session we consider faith. 50 years ago if you asked someone, “what is faith?” you’d get a completely different answer from today. “faith” is a controversial topic these days and in many ways hard to define. Pastor Mike helps us think more clearly about faith.

**Outro:**

Romans 12:2 says, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” We’ve spent six sessions together seeking to renew our minds and to avoid the patterns of this world. You’re a student enrolled in God’s School. You’re one of his kids. But you’re more than that. You’re a teacher and your influence is great. His influence is great in your life. Have faith, He will see you through…

Thanks for watching…