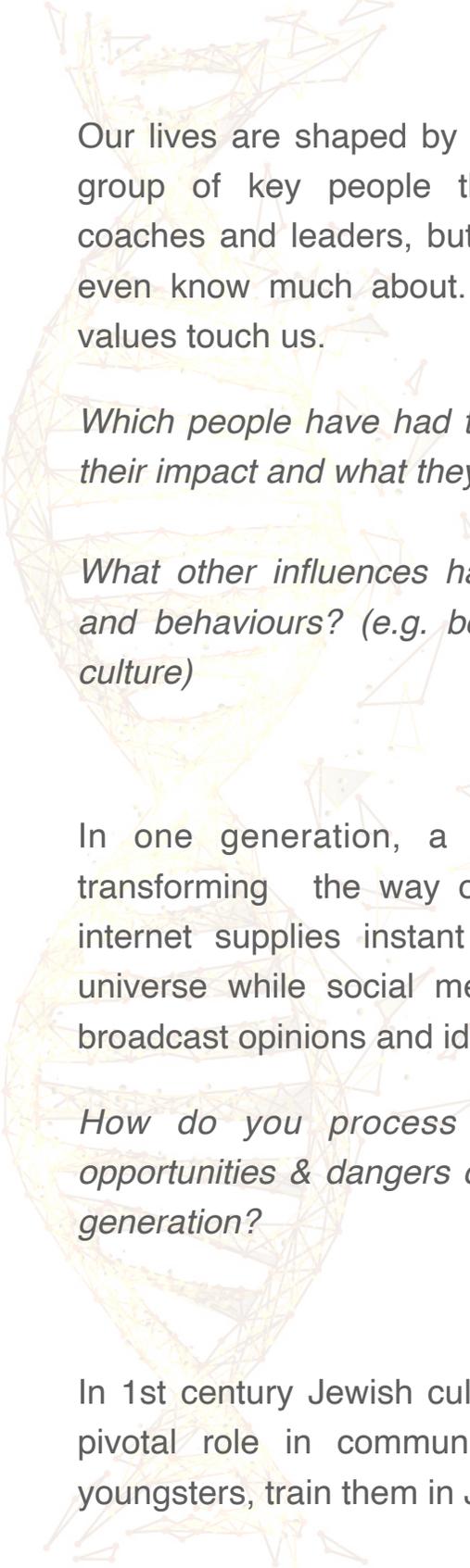




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Our lives are shaped by the impact, influence and investment of a group of key people that usually includes parents, teachers, coaches and leaders, but can extend beyond people we've met or even know much about. Nonetheless, their example, beliefs and values touch us.

Which people have had the greatest impact on your life? Describe their impact and what they have imparted to you.

What other influences have helped shape your worldview, habits and behaviours? (e.g. books, media platforms, voices in popular culture)

In one generation, a technological revolution is completely transforming the way our world learns and communicates. The internet supplies instant and limitless access to an information universe while social media provides a platform for anybody to broadcast opinions and ideas to the masses.

How do you process the benefits, drawbacks, challenges, opportunities & dangers of these forums both for you and the next generation?

In 1st century Jewish culture, teachers known as Rabbis played a pivotal role in community life. A Rabbi would take promising youngsters, train them in Jewish scripture, live life alongside them

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and impart wisdom for Godly living. A Rabbi believed that the student had the capacity to emulate the life and teachings of his **Rabbi**. This is a description of discipleship. We are most familiar with this concept in the life of Jesus and His 12 disciples.

Matt 4:19

Matt 28:19-20

As we read our Bibles, we discover that Jesus' call is "Come, follow Me". Salvation should lead to a journey of discipleship.

What are Jesus' expectations of you?

Which of Rabbi Jesus' teachings, do you find most challenging?

Whether intentionally or not, each of us is being disciplined in how to think, what to believe, and how to live our lives.

Who or what is disciplining you?

What does it look like practically to be disciplined by Jesus today?

Can you identify what Jesus is presently teaching you? By what means is He teaching you? (scripture, people, circumstances, journalling)

What habits need to be broken / formed to allow Jesus a more prominent and intentional role as Rabbi in your life?

Scriptural examples such as Daniel and David describe a lifestyle of daily spending time alone with God in the secret place. This discipline is integral to Jewish life and early Church life.

Dan 6:10
Ps 119:164

Talk about your journey of experiencing God in the secret place. Comment on the value, the struggle and the reward.

Matt 6:10

Can you share tips + tools to help others in their secret adventure?

The goal of discipleship is to become like the Rabbi. Jesus discipled us through His indwelling Spirit AND through the example of Godly men and women that He places in our lives.

1 Cor 4:15
Phil 3:17

Who around you exhibits Christlikeness? What aspect of Jesus' character, ministry and lifestyle do you see in them?

Discipleship is intentional and organic. A key component of **a thriving family, pursuing life together, guiding others towards Jesus** is: everyone being discipled and everyone looking to disciple others. Being discipled by a more mature believer is a vital component of the Christian life.

What barriers do you have to overcome in order to disciple others?

What are your next steps towards each of these essential relationships?

End of session.
Next: Steps