Our Experience of Other People

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**Introduction**

**Main Idea**

You were designed to both influence and be influenced by people. That influence is dynamic—meaning, your beliefs, values, and choices are influenced by those of others. Imitating people who are themselves imitating God is essential to Christian growth.

**People were made to be shaped in community.**

**We imitate one another in ways we’re aware of, and in ways we’re not.**

**You have different orbits of relationship that influence you differently.**

* **Culture**
* **Family – Past and Present**
* **Vocation**
* **Social Circles**
* **Media**

**The church is an alternate community that reinforces the beliefs, values, and commitments that imitate God’s.**

***Discussion Question:* Upon reflection, what are the most significant voices in your life? How do those voices influence the way you think, what you desire, and the choices you make?**