

The NLW Pathway Leader Guide by Dwayne Moore

SAMPLE

Week 4 — Seek to Influence

Outward Impact

This Week's Focus

Worship that begins in the heart does not stay private. It overflows into how we love, serve, lead, and influence others.

Formation Habit

Seek to Influence

Formation Result

Outward Impact

Key Idea from Learning to Worship God

Every person influences others. The question is not whether we have influence, but where our lives are pointing people.

Key Practice from The NLW Pathway Guide

Students practice paying attention to the people around them and taking one simple step of love, encouragement, service, or witness.

Before the Session

The facilitator should read or review:

- LTWG Chapter 4: Worship That Overflows
- PG Week 4 overview and daily pages
- This Week 4 Leader Guide session

Session Goal

By the end of the session, students should understand that worship naturally moves outward and identify one way their life can point others toward God.

30–45 Minute Session Plan

1. Welcome and Opening Question — 5 minutes

Ask:

Where did you notice your life influencing someone this week?

If needed, remind students that influence may be small: a conversation, an attitude, a response, a text, encouragement, or prayer.

2. Big Idea Review — 5 minutes

Briefly summarize:

Worship overflows. What fills the heart eventually shapes the life, and what shapes the life begins to affect others.

You might say:

“You do not need a platform to influence people. Your life is already pointing somewhere.”

3. Discussion — 15–20 minutes

Choose three to five questions.

1. What stood out to you from Chapter 4 or the Week 4 practices?
2. How does worship move from private devotion to outward influence?
3. Where do students sometimes underestimate their influence?
4. How can a life of worship affect a worship team, classroom, dorm, family, or church?
5. What is one ordinary place where your life can point others toward God?
6. What is the difference between forcing influence and allowing worship to overflow?
7. Who might God be drawing your attention to right now?

4. Practice Check-In — 5–7 minutes

Ask:

- Did you notice people differently this week?
- Did you sense any prompting to encourage, serve, or pray for someone?
- What made outward focus difficult?

5. Closing Prayer and Next Step — 3–5 minutes

Suggested closing prayer:

Lord, let what You are forming in us overflow toward others. Help our words, attitudes, actions, and leadership point people toward You. Amen.

Student Next Step

This week, students move into Week 5: Love with Your Life.

Encourage them to look for ordinary moments where worship can become practical love.

Leader Notes

Some students may associate influence only with platform leadership. Broaden the category.

Influence happens in ordinary places: friendships, social media, rehearsals, classrooms, hallways, church teams, and family relationships.

Help students see that outward worship begins inwardly. We cannot share what we do not possess.
