

**DEFINITION****MARK**  
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make a visible impression or stain on

**SCRIPTURE****Ephesians 2:10**

"We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!"

**BIG IDEA**

Before we dive in, let's take some time to reflect on the lessons from the last 11 weeks. Flip through the previous pages and look through your answers to the conversation questions and the notes you may have jotted in the margins. Discuss any revelations or challenges you had during this study. This week, we're going to apply what we've learned by turning our attention outward. Get ready to MAKE YOUR MARK!

When we leave our mark on something, it means that anyone who sees it will see us; they will see our unique impression and they will be able to identify that we were the ones who left it. It means that we have affected change in the appearance or outcome of something. Making our mark might sound like a daunting task, but we were designed for this! We were created to partner with the Creator as we craft our legacies.

I've identified four steps we can take in order to impact our world:

- 1) Identify what's marked us
- 2) Discover our birthmark
- 3) Manage the question marks
- 4) Leave an exclamation mark

Let's start by examining how we've been marked; whether by Truth, Pain, Joy, Purity, Favor, etc. Can we triage those painful marks before they become scars? Should we trace over the favorable marks so we can permanently carry them with us? If we apply mindful reflection to each day – to each circumstance within each day – we can manage what marks us.

Secondly, we need to discover our birthmark. Each of us has distinctive characteristics by which we are known. We all have a heavenly destiny and a purpose to fulfill. In the first lesson of the Marked curriculum, we discovered the TRUTH that marks us, and sets us apart. That truth is our birthmark.

The third step is a big one, and this is why we all need a community around us. When we face doubt or question our significance, it helps to have godly advisors who will point us back to the Word and what it says about our circumstances. We need to deal with the question marks, and not allow them to become a period or stopping point. Conversely, let's be careful to not question a stop or turning point that God has put in our path. We always want to know the answer, but we need to know Him.

Lastly, let's leave an exclamation mark! Accomplishing the impossible requires a willingness to do what others won't do, mixed with a crazy faith in the God who is able.

## CONVERSATION

What question marks are you facing? List a few below. (Who, What, When, Where, Why, How) Boldly bring them to God. For example:

Who .... is my spouse?

What .... is my next step in life?

When .... will I get my breakthrough?

Where .... do I go from here?

Why .... did this happen?

How .... will I make ends meet?

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WEEK 12

**MAKE YOUR MARK**



Discuss (or jot down ideas about) your birthmark - what sets you apart and makes you reMARKable?

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What God-dream are you going after? How will you "MAKE YOUR MARK" on this world? How can you activate crazy faith today?

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## **TAKE AWAY**

If we keep our eyes on Jesus and do everything unto the Lord and not for men, we will develop a God-confidence which empowers us to see miracles, signs and wonders. And here is what it all comes down to: we need to love like Jesus loved. Maya Angelou famously said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." The way we leave our mark on this world is to give love, receive love, share love, and be love. Because God is Love. So love hard! Forgive often! Keep looking up!



WEEK 12

## MAKE YOUR MARK



## NOTES

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