



The Power of an Invite

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

Today, we will learn how God can use us to help change the course of others' lives and discover how powerful an invitation can be.

Discussion Questions

"One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow Me, and I will show you how to fish for people!' And they left their nets at once and followed Him." (Matthew 4:18-20)

We can help change others' lives as we share our faith and reach the people in our sphere of influence with the message of the Gospel. Jesus was famous for extending invitations to people—inviting them into a life that they had no idea was available to them. Jesus didn't just see where they were, but where they could be.

- Have you ever shared what God has done in your life with anyone? What was their response?

Many people in the world are looking for hope, healing, freedom, and purpose. Jesus is the answer to the deepest needs people are searching to fulfill. As Christians, we get the opportunity to share our faith and help others find their fulfillment in Christ. Although many are nervous or unsure of how to share their faith, there are three things we can do to be successful:

1. Live with eternity in mind.
Hebrews 13:14 says, **"For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come."** It's important to remember that we all have a purpose to reach people.

Roughly 5 billion people on the planet claim to not be Christians. If you lined up all 5 billion people, the line would wrap around the world 37 times. Our job as believers is to step into that line and invite people into a relationship with the One who died for them.

- How does keeping eternity in mind change your perspective on the importance of reaching other people?

2. Tell your story.

In **Acts 1:8** Jesus says, **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

Notice, Jesus said we will be His witnesses, not His attorneys. Attorneys have to prove something; witnesses just tell their story. When it comes to sharing our faith, we’ve got nothing to prove but everything to share.

God can use anyone with a testimony. Our testimony is all about how good God has been to us. Sharing your faith and inviting others to church isn’t for the spiritually elite, but for every Christian.

- Why is it difficult sometimes to share our story or invite others to church? Why is it important?
- Who are the people in your life that need to hear your story?

3. Believe for big impact.

Little things can make a big difference. Many think their simple invite or small act of obedience won’t make a difference in this world, but it does. Oftentimes we are hesitant to step out and invite others because we underestimate the impact it will have on the person and overestimate the sting of rejection. The reality is if we’re rejected, not much will happen, but if they accept Jesus, their life will forever change. The risk for us is minimal, and the impact on them is great!

- How can we continue to persevere and do all that God calls us to do when we feel rejected by others?

Life Challenge

Romans 10:14-15 says, **“But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!’”** This week, reach out to others and share your story. Invite them to church, and watch how God impacts their lives.

Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for showing us the importance of an invitation. Remind us of how others’ invitations to us impacted our lives. Give us boldness and comfort as we step out and share our stories with others. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.