



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Series: The Impact of One
Message: "One Invite"
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Learn

What is an invitation you have given or received that has had a significant impact on your life?

"Never underestimate the power of ONE INVITATION whether you're the INVITATION GIVER or the INVITATION RECEIVER." Pastor John Seitz

What words come to mind when you think of an "invitation"?

Read Luke 5:27-32

- Consider the who, what, and why of the invitation—what do we learn from Jesus' intentional invitation?
- Consider Pastor John's statement: "Acceptance opens the door to influence." Jesus practiced an acceptance of the person while challenging the person's beliefs and resulting lifestyle. How is this different from the "acceptance" the world promotes?
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Read Acts 2:36-41

- Consider that Peter experienced Jesus' acceptance before, during, and after his fearful betrayal.
- Jesus invited Peter to have the courage to boldly live out his faith, going from fearful to fearless!
- Have you responded to the invitation to turn to Jesus by repenting and being baptized?

Live

Why did Jesus eat with sinners? *Because he did not want to eat alone.*

If pride is a stoplight for God to work, humility is a green light, allowing God to move in your life.

What are some steps you can take to be humble before God?

Love

Read John 4:25-30

- Jesus picked unlikely people to bring his message of hope to the world.
- If the President of the United States issued a personal invitation for you to come to the White House, would you consider it an option or an obligation?
- God has issued an invitation for YOU to give your life to Jesus (forgiven and filled with the Holy Spirit)! If you have accepted that invitation, God has asked you to invite others as well.
- Who can you invite this week to love Jesus?
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Lead

Read Matthew 20:25-28

Worldly leaders often make demands. Godly leaders often make invitations.

- What does this tell us about God?
- Which are the leaders you respect more like?
- Which does your personal leadership/influence most resemble?

Consider, as you think about who to invite to Jesus, that not inviting someone IS making a decision. You are invited to Jesus in order to invite others to Jesus! You will regret the chance you never took, but you can take courage that God will work when you invite!

Pray!

Congratulations! You've taken time to consider the fact that God humbly and kindly invites rather than coerces. Because the God of the Universe invites, it is up to us to accept and imitate him as well, by kindly inviting others to know Jesus. Pray that God will give you and your group members courage to live out what your faith prompts you to do this week!