



BECOMING AN **INVITER**

Becoming an Inviter

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“I wish my fraternity brothers could see how much fun these guys at my church are.” “My sorority sisters would love this Bible study on relationships.” “I really think my roommate would be surprised to learn what the Bible says about God’s love for him.” Invite them! Invite them to go to church with you, to your campus ministry meetings, to your small group Bible studies, to fun ministry events, conferences, to watch a movie or eat a pizza with you. Fear of rejection or causing offense can keep us from inviting others to experience opportunities that could change their lives. Love the people around you enough to invite them!

Inviting people to fun events, church and Bible study is a great first step in sharing your faith.

“The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.” John 1:41-42

What can we learn from the example of Andrew?

What three steps did he take?

What ended up being the result of his invitation?

How many people were impacted by this one invitation?

The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.” Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him...Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.” John 4:25-42

What did the woman at the well do after meeting Jesus?

What can we learn from her?

What were the two things that caused the Samaritans to believe? How could this compare with your role in sharing your testimony and inviting people to church, Bible study or events and the ministry leaders' role?

“For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20

Why don't we have this attitude about sharing our faith? What should be our attitude when inviting people?

“One out of every four people in America would go to church if a friend would just invite them.”
– George Barna

Why do you think so many of us are afraid to invite others to church or Bible study?

Why invite people to church or Bible study?

- They will likely hear the gospel and may come to faith.
- They will connect with Christians and often start to belong before they even believe.
- People are most likely to come when invited by an individual rather than a flyer or website.
- When they do finally accept Christ they will likely join your group and receive good follow up and teaching.
- Lovingly inviting your friends will make them feel included. They may not even know they are welcome to check out your church or ministry until you invite them.

Practical ways to invite

- Ask them face to face. Say something like “Hey I am involved in this awesome Bible Study on campus, (or church) and I am learning a lot about God and making new friends. It really is helping my life. Do you want to check it out with me sometime?” Offer to take them with you. Even if they have a car, give them a ride so you can act as their “tour guide” and introduce them to everyone.
- Call them or send them a text. This is not as personal, but something is better than nothing.
- Make sure to invite friends not only to spiritual things but also to other fun stuff you do. Be a real friend.

Discipleship Challenge: Invite one person to something this week.

Memory Verses: John 1:41-42