

"The Power of an Invitation"

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Big Idea: One invitation can lead to a life changed by Jesus

1. Jesus Invites Us to Be **Transformed**

John 1:35–39:

"The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!' 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?' They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?' 39 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon." Ministry flows out of **intimacy** in the presence of Jesus.

2. Invitation is the Key to **Evangelism**

John 1:40–41:

"Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ)."

Inviting people to Jesus can be as simple and straightforward as inviting them to **church**.

When someone steps into God's **community**, they are stepping into a place where heaven touches earth.

Evangelism is about **introducing** people to Jesus and letting God do the rest.

3. The **Simplicity** Of Bringing People To Jesus

John 1:42:

"And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter)."

Explanation

A. Pray

E.M. Bounds "Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still."

Prayer is the **battlefield** where hearts are won. It's where God begins to prepare the soil for the seed of the gospel.

B. Invite

Your boldness and sincerity could be the **catalyst** that changes their eternity.

C. Bring

Don't just invite people to church **bring** them to church. Set a time, make a **plan** and follow through.

