

I AM AN INVITATION

1 PETER 2:4-17 & 1 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

DAY 1: Seeing like Jesus 1 Corinthians 5:16 ~ When we begin to see others as Jesus sees them, then compassion can replace criticism. Instead of seeing others as their mistakes or shortcomings, we begin to see them as image bearers deeply loved by God. *Who should you be praying for instead of criticizing, showing grace towards instead of judging, sharing the hope of Jesus with instead of giving up on?*

DAY 2: Representing like Jesus 1 Corinthians 5:17-21 ~ We are Christ's ambassadors, and we are called to represent Him wherever we go. Ministry isn't reserved for pastors or those with seminary degrees. God calls EACH of us to go and share His love with the entire world. *Where has God placed you to represent Him by encouraging, serving, or sharing the Good News in your daily life?*

DAY 3: Knowing Jesus 1 Peter 2:4-10 ~ The way we view God, and our place in His Kingdom, changes the way we invite others to Him. When we truly know His grace and goodness, inviting others becomes a joyful privilege instead of an obligation. *Does your view of God inspire you to invite others to Him? How would you describe God to someone who has never met Him?*

DAY 4: Reflecting Jesus 1 Peter 2:11-17 ~ We are called to live in a way that reflects Christ. Our lives should show others God's goodness through our kindness, integrity, forgiveness, generosity and humility. People often experience Jesus through us, before they will ever allow us to speak truth about Him. *What story is your daily life telling others about Jesus? Are others curious about your faith because of how you live?*

DAY 5: Putting it into practice ~ Prayerfully consider the 3 steps below. Pray for those in our lives that God might be calling us towards, live in a way that causes others to notice Jesus shining through you, and invite courageously trusting that God will work to change their hearts...we only need to plant the seed.

1

PRAY

Ask God to help you see who He's reaching towards in your life, and join Him.

2

LIVE CURIOUSLY

Intentionally reflect Jesus through your words & actions in your daily life.

3

INVITE

Simply extend the invitation, knowing that God will work on changing their hearts.

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1 Peter 3:15

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace (...and) proclaim salvation