

PRACTICE 7

INVITE



faithbit challenge October 17 & 18

Invitation comes easy in other parts of life but when it comes to inviting someone to church we sometimes feel uncomfortable and hesitant. The first disciples invited. We hear them invite by a simple “come and see.” How might you invite your family, friends or neighbors to “come and see?”

- Think of the ways you extend invitations for other things in your life.
 - I’ve got tickets for....you want to come?
 - Come and see the game on my new TV!
 - Let’s go out to dinner Saturday night.
 - I’m sorry you are going through such a rough time, I’ll be thinking about you.
 - We have something on Thursday night.
- How might you invite someone to church or connect the faith in a similar invitation?
 - We are having a great concert of Christmas music on Saturday night-- do you want to come?
 - Come and see the musical our youth are putting on. They learned it in just one week!
 - Let’s go out to dinner Saturday night. Do you want to join us for our 5:00 service before we meet?
 - I’m sorry you are going through such a rough time-- this is a prayer shawl from our congregation.
 - We have this thing called PJ’s and Prayers at church....my kids won’t miss it ...do you want to join us?

Other ways to reflect your commitment to your faith, in conversation and action:

- I can’t make it until noon.....I can join you after the family attends church on Sunday.
- Bless you!God bless you!
- I can’t meet on Tuesday.....I’ve got a thing at church on Tuesday... how about Wednesday?
- It was a really rough time.....I don’t know how I would have gotten through it without my faith and church family.
- Read a book on your coffee break....read The Story on your coffee break.
- Dig in to your meal at a restaurant.....clasp a hand of those you are dining with and offer up a silent prayer or pray out loud!

Look at upcoming church programs, activities and special worship services. (Pet Blessing, music concerts, youth activities, VBS, Camp, Circle Bible Study, Pie Fest/Thanksgiving Eve service, Christmas Eve Worship-- and be intentional about inviting a friend.

Open your heart each day and invite the Spirit to use you as an instrument to communicate God’s love and grace. Be yourself. Let your language and lifestyle reflect God’s love to and for others.

You are not just inviting people to worship or a church activity you are inviting them into a community of faith in order to build relationships that celebrate the Gospel.

