



DEEPEN YOUR Faith

How to Invite Someone to Church

Start with the why. Why do we invite people to church? To grow the Kingdom.

We don't invite people to church so we can grow our church. We want them to have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Formula for success: The right heart plus the right activity for the right amount of time always equals the right result.

Right Heart

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. When inviting someone to church, what are my motives?
2. What do I need to do individually to prepare?
3. What can my church do to help me prepare?

Right Activity

Don't just invite; show people what the love of God looks like. Start building a relationship!

As a follower of Christ, use the 5 foot rule: anyone within 5 feet of me gets an invite to church.

QUESTION TO CONSIDER:



1. This past week, if everyone in your church invited just like you invited, how much would your church have grown?

Right Amount of Time & Right Result

Faithful obedience is our responsibility. The outcome is God's.

Consider an example. What if we had 100 people in church and every one of them invited 5 people one Sunday. That would be 500 invitations! But if we look at the outcome, and 90% of them said, "No", we would have failed. But the outcome is God's, and he rejoices in the 10% that show up. That's 50 people. Take it one step further. What if 90% of those visitors didn't choose Christ, but 10% did. That is 5 new people added to the body of Christ!

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Am I focused more on the outcome or obedience?
2. How can I do a better job of inviting someone to church?

Additional Items

1. Invite people to be a part of something every time you communicate.
2. Leverage your core values. We have 4: Night to Shine, music & art, missions, and health. Find ways to use those when building your relationships.
3. Tell more stories. Explain to someone that you were lost, then you were found, and how that changed you. Be specific.
4. Have fun; spread joy!

Competitive Advantage

Having a goal is important, and as a family or household you might consider making it a competition. Give each member of your family a jar and a bag with 10 marbles. Each time you invite someone to church, you take a marble out of your bag and put it in the jar. The first person to have all their marbles in the jar, wins a prize!

Alternatively, you can give everyone a bag with marbles and place a community jar in the living room. Each time someone invites a person to church, they put a marble in the jar in the living room. When the jar is full or everyone has invited the number equal to their goal, you go out to eat or go play miniature golf!

Make it fun and spread some joy!

