



Invest & Invite

September 6th, 2015

How To S.H.A.R.E. MY FAITH

S. Start Friendships With The Unchurched

A man that has friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. - Proverbs 18:24 (KJV)

Everyone is a friend of a person who gives gifts - Proverbs 19:6 (NLT)

Just as lotions and fragrance give sensual delight, a sweet friendship refreshes the soul. ¹⁰ ...Better a nearby friend than a distant family. - Proverbs 27:9-10 (MSG)

H. Help Them By Finding Common Ground

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. ²⁰ When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. ²¹ When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. ²² When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. - 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NLT)

A. Authentically Show God's Love To Them

*Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ.
- Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)*

Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions. - 1 John 3:17 (LB)

Because we loved you, we were happy to share not only God's Good News with you, but even our own lives. - 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NCV)

R. Ready Myself To Share My Faith

But respect Christ as the holy Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have, ¹⁶ but answer in a gentle way and with respect... - 1 Peter 3:15-16 (NCV)

E. Expect God To Use Me In The Moment

...don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. ²⁰ For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. – Matthew 10:19-20 (NLT)

A FIRM DECISION TO CHANGE A LIFE FOR JESUS

Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone...He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own. Because of this decision...what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! – 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (MSG)

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" – 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (NLT)

My Next Step

- Memorize [2 Corinthians 5:20](#)
- Invest in friendships with the unchurched in my life
- Invite a friend to: ***Back To Church Sunday, September 20th***
- Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior

INVEST & INVITE

A Four-Point Plan To Help Change A Life

We encourage you to follow this simple **four-point plan** for inviting the unchurched to our ***Back To Church Sunday*** on **September 20th, 2015**.

1. **COMPOSE:** Compose a **list of 3-5 people** to invite to our new series.
2. **PRAY:** Begin to **pray over your list every day** for God to open their hearts to be receptive to your invitation. Prayer changes things!!
3. **INVITE:** Send out a special invitation to each of them by mail, including both the sermon series information and a personal note asking them to join you at a specific service that weekend.
4. **CALL:** Call each person on your list **a few days before September 20th** and ask if they received your invitation. Encourage them to join you for the service you will be attending. If they accept your invitation, offer to meet them at the door. Sit back and see what God will do with your efforts!