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## THE THREE NOTS

People who are fully engaged in the life of the church invite others to experience what they've experienced. That sounds simple. But *why* you invite someone is even more important than *how* you invite someone. Because when Jesus' earliest followers invited people to come and see him, they weren't trying to explain something. They were inviting others to *experience someone*. A living example is better than a lengthy explanation. If people don't like what they see in us, they won't come and see with us. But how do we know who, when, and why to invite to offer an invitation?

**BIG IDEA: Found people Find people by inviting them to Jesus.**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did your church experience begin with an invitation from someone? If so, how do you feel about that person?
2. When you returned to church or began going for the first time, what was going on in your life? Were your circumstances good or bad? How did they influence your willingness to come and see?
3. Have you ever invited someone to come and see Jesus? Was it worth the risk? What happened?
4. *With your Bible or Bible App, read John 4:4-18, 25-30, 39-42.*

*Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."*

*The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he." Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him.*

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*John 4:4-18, 25-30, 39-42*

5. What stands out to you about the way Jesus interacts with the woman at the well? Why does it stand out to you?
6. What are some things that stand in the way of you inviting someone to come and see? What can you do to overcome those obstacles?
7. Who came to mind as you listened to the message? What is your best next step with that person. Do you need to begin to invest in a relationship with him or her? Do you need to offer an invitation to come and see? What can this group do to encourage you to take that next step?

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## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How do you know when to invite someone to church? Follow the cues. Sometimes things aren't going well in someone's life. That's a good time for him or her to come and see Jesus. Sometimes a person isn't prepared for the season he or she is living. That's a good time to offer an invitation to come and see. But an invitation doesn't have to be about solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation. Sometimes a person just needs to come and see Jesus. Follow the cues.

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

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