

## **Discussion Questions** Trending Part # 3 – "Church Family Reunion" (February 11, 2024)

## **Getting Started**

• Have you ever been invited somewhere by a friend you wouldn't have gone if they hadn't invited you? How was it?

## **Discussions**

- Recall a time when you experienced a sense of belonging in your church or spiritual community. How did that impact your faith journey, and how can we recreate such an environment for others who may feel disconnected?
- Discuss the concept of church as a family rather than just an event or building. How can we shift our perspective and behavior to embody a spiritual family?
- Share memories or experiences of church "Homecoming" events or similar gatherings. How effective do you think these events are in fostering a sense of belonging and connection?

- Consider the statistic that 51 percent of de-churched people are willing to return.
  What factors do you think contribute to their willingness, and how can we capitalize on this opportunity to invite them back?
- Discuss the concept of inviting people into your life before asking them back to church. What steps can you take to welcome others into your personal space, demonstrating the love and acceptance of a spiritual family?
- Given the 20 million people who would be willing to return to church if a friend asked them. How can we collectively and individually take this responsibility seriously, and who are you ready to invite back to the family?