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## Holiday Prep

### “Sharing Hope This Season”

*“Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*  
Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

- ✦ 82% of people say they would come to church IF invited by a friend.
- ✦ 2% of Christians invite a friend to church in a typical year.

*“God does not want anyone to be lost, but **He wants all people** to change their hearts and lives!” 2 Peter 3:9 (NCV)*

*“...You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, **always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way...**” 1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT)*

*“Jesus said to His followers, ‘Go everywhere in the world and tell the Good News to everyone.’” Mark 16:15 (NCV)*

#### Primary Tasks for Every Believer

1. **LOVE GOD** and follow His commands.
2. **SHARE JESUS** with others.

#### Holiday Prep “Faith Sharing” Tips

Prepare:	Invest:	Invite:
✦ Your heart	✦ Build relationships	✦ To the Block Party
✦ Your story	✦ Ask great questions	✦ To Sunday Services
✦ Through prayer	✦ Follow up	✦ To Christmas Services

*Keep the Conversation going...*

1. Is inviting someone to church easy or difficult for you? Why or why not? Who do you know, and love, that needs Jesus?  
Christmas (and Easter) are the easiest times of the year to invite. Try inviting someone to each of our upcoming Christmas services/events.
2. Share your faith story with someone close to you. Prepare a 30-second version and 5-minute version.
3. What steps can you take to deepen your relationships with your non-church-attending family and friends?