

MAKE ROOM: PREPARE THE INVITATION

2 Corinthians 5: ¹⁸Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God

2 Corinthians 10: ³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Things to think about while you are preparing your invitation:

1. THEY ARE IGNORANT TO THE GOSPEL


2 Corinthians 4: ⁴whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

- Remember they are in darkness and you represent light
- Remember you are the epistle they are reading and watching

2 Corinthians 3: ²You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

2. THEY HEARD ABOUT JESUS BUT THEY NOT SURE

- They are dating the gospel but are waiting for an invitation

1 Peter AMP **3** In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands [subordinate, not as inferior, but out of respect for the responsibilities entrusted to husbands and their accountability to God, and so partnering with them] so that even if some do not obey the word [of God], they may be won over [to Christ] without discussion by the *godly* lives of their wives, ²when they see your modest and respectful behavior [together with your devotion and appreciation—love your husband, encourage him, and enjoy him as a blessing from God].

- They can be won by your conduct

3. MY SIN DISQUALIFIES ME

- People think there is no hope and their sin has disqualified them

Romans 3: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

2 Corinthians 5: ²¹For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 John 1: ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

4. THEIR WORKS WILL MAKE ROOM FOR THEM

Ephesians 2: ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- Salvation is a free gift through Christ,

Romans 5: ¹⁸Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life.

5. NEVER GIVE UP ON THEM BECAUSE YOU HAVE WHAT THEY NEED

2 Peter 3: ⁹The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

- God's heart is for all mankind and our purpose is to expose His love