

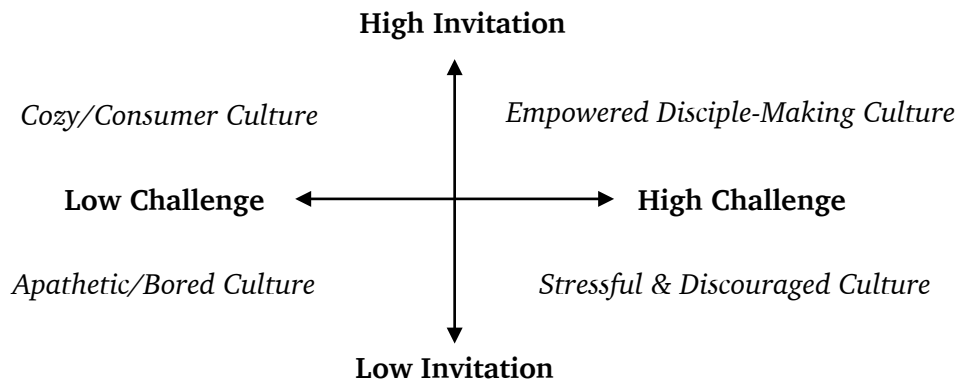


Invitation & Challenge

Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, to send them out to preach, and to have authority to drive out demons.

Mark 3:13-15

1. As a group, read Mark 3:13-19 together.



As a group, take some time to discuss the chart above:

High Invitation + Low Challenge = Cozy Culture (Consumer)

People in this quadrant are super comfortable, but they are not growing spiritual because they have forgotten the mission. We are not meant to be cozy. A vital part of growth is sharpening one another through study, discussion and interaction.

Low Invitation + Low Challenge = Bored Culture (Apathetic)

People in this quadrant don't stay. People leave because they are bored and unmotivated, or if they stay, they slowly deteriorate and dry out. People are seeking spiritual growth and want to be part of community. We are wired for more.



Invitation & Challenge (cont'd)

High Challenge + Low Invitation = Discouraged Culture (Stressed)

People in this quadrant burn out because this culture cannot be sustained. There is a lot “to do”, but without encouragement a person might feel alone and unknown.

High Invitation + High Challenge = Discipling Culture (Empowered)

This is where we all want to live! This is where Jesus lived.

2. Where do you think that we, as a church, fit on this Disciple-Making Matrix? What factors about the culture contribute to your answer?
3. Where do you, personally, fit on the Disciple-Making Matrix? What areas do you, personally, find to be the biggest challenge?
4. How can we (as a church and individually) be better “high invitation/low challenge” disciples toward those who are unchurched and/or unsaved?
5. How can we (as a church and individually) be better “high invitation/high challenge” disciples toward one another? What can your Life Group change in order to live this out?
6. What will the result look like in our church if we intentionally live in the “high invitation/high challenge” area of the Disciple-Making Matrix?
7. What has God taught you through this passage and this teaching?

Family Worship Guide

You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
(Deuteronomy 11:19)



Why we use this resource...

We believe that parents are the primary disciple-makers in the lives of their children. Part of our mission as a church is to teach people how to follow Jesus. We want to equip parents to disciple their children in following Jesus.

Where to use this resource...

1

IN THE CAR

Talk about these things as you are riding in the car going about your life. Be intentional.

2

AROUND THE TABLE

Try and work some intentional time in the word and prayer during dinner.

3

INTENTIONAL TIMING

Find ways to be intentional about talking with your family throughout the week about these biblical truths.



Discuss

Spend time this week talking about biblical truths.



Pray

Spend time this week praying about how you can live out the biblical truths.



Live it Out

Spend time this week living out the biblical truths.

How to use this resource...

The following questions and Bible reading can be done in one sitting or spread out throughout the week. The point is to build upon the sermon you and your family heard on Sunday and reinforce the biblical truths in your hearts and home.

1. This week's focus for our family devotions is on how we are invited to follow Jesus more deeply, how we become more like Jesus, and how we are to invite others to follow Jesus, too.
2. As a family, take some time this week to read Mark 3:13-19.
3. Ask: What does it mean for Jesus to invite us to follow Him and what does He require of us if we do?
4. Ask: Does Jesus' invitation to follow Him just mean that we get saved or is there something He invites us to every day?
5. Ask: What are some ways that we can grow to become like Jesus every single day?



6. Ask: One of the ways we become like Jesus is by inviting people to know Him. Are there people in our life that we can invite to learn more about Jesus?

7. Pray: Pray that God will give you and your family the opportunity to invite others to follow Jesus and that you will follow His invitation every day to grow to become more like Him.

Memory Verse for the Week:

For what great nation is there that has a god near to it as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him?

(Deuteronomy 4:7)

SINGING TOGETHER

This week, in corporate worship, we sang "He Lives." Throughout the week, continue singing it as a family. You can find the song here – <https://youtu.be/vJL8IYGCD40>

