

I N V I T E I N V I T E

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So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord." - 2 Timothy 1:7-8a NLT*

Why we share the Gospel...

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

- **JESUS** said to *Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 20:21; Acts 1:8*

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:19-20 ESV

*"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'
- Mark 16:15 ESV*

"and said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'" - Luke 24:46-47 ESV

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'
- John 20:21 ESV*

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8 ESV

- People are **HOPELESS WITHOUT** Christ *Acts 4:12; Romans 10:13-14*

"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." - Acts 4:12 ESV

"For 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

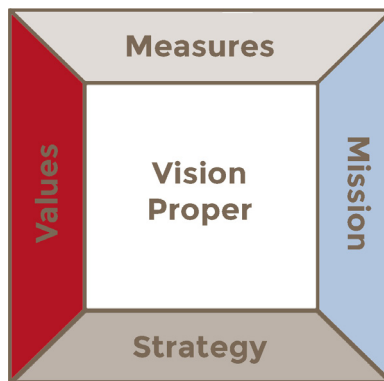
But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?" - Romans 10:13-14 NLT

Life's defining moments often involve an _____

" One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas' (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'" Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'" - John 1:40-46

- Andrew **INVITED** Simon Peter John 1:40-42
- Philip *invited* Nathaniel John 1:42-46
- The Samaritan woman *invited* her whole town John 4:28-30
- Matthew (Levi) *invited* all his friends Luke 5:27-29
- Cornelius *invited* his family Acts 10:24-33



2021 Strategic Initiative: **PRAY. INVEST. INVITE**

- **PRAY** for individuals and families in our spheres of relationship who currently don't know Jesus
- **INVEST** our personal resources (time, money, etc.) into building relationships for the purposes of sharing Christ
- Look for opportunities to **INVITE** people into our lives, homes, and church to intentionally show and share the Gospel

Some things to consider as you invite...

- **JUST DO IT!**
- People are in different places spiritually and have different levels of **RECEPTIVITY**
Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23; Isaiah 46:12; Mark 12:34; Ephesians 2:17
- We are responsible to **INVITE**, not for the **OUTCOME** of our invitation
- Listen for the four "nots"..
 1. Not **DOING WELL**
 2. Not **FROM AROUND HERE**
 3. Not **PREPARED FOR WHAT IS NEXT**
 4. Not **IN CHURCH**
- Don't underestimate the power of **YOUR STORY** *1 Peter 3:15; Acts 26*

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." - 1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Resources:

- [3 circles explanation](#)
- [Help on writing your story](#)
- [Tool for sharing the gospel](#)

Memory Verse (*Topic: Sharing Christ*)

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My Next Steps:

- I'll memorize 2 Timothy 1:7-8a.
- Today for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- I'll commit to Pray, Invest & Invite in 2021!
 - My one for 2021: _____
- I'll participate in the next START HERE.
- I'll _____

