

"The Rhythm of Invitation" September 14-15, 2019 Pastor Tyler Scott

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Most of us are in church, or in Christian community, because of an invitation. Who invited you — to church, to a group, or to "come and see" about Jesus?
- 2. Why do you think it's so important to establish the rhythm of inviting unchurched friends to church?
- 3. Read John 1:35-46, and John 4:4-42. What stands out to you about these passages, and the multiple invitations to "come and see" about Jesus?
- 4. Why do you think personal invitations are so powerful?
- 5. For unchurched people, why/how is a personal example better than a profound explanation?
- 6. Read Luke 14:23, Matthew 11:28, and Revelation 3:20. God models the rhythm of invitation. His invitations — for rest, for abundant life, for relationship, for reaching people with the good news of the gospel — are all over Scripture. How can YOU follow God's example and establish rhythms of invitation in your life?
- 7. Personal invitations to church or to "come and see" about Jesus can yield powerful results. Have you ever invited someone to church — or to "come and see" about Jesus in some way? What happened? Was it worth the effort?
- 8. What are some obstacles that get in the way of you inviting people in your life (friends, neighbors, colleagues, families in your social circle, etc.) to church, or simply to "come and see" about Jesus? What can you do to overcome these obstacles?
- 9. Where do you feel most comfortable inviting people to "come and see" about Jesus? (Church, a mid-week ministry, a small group, dinner in your home, SERVE DAY, etc.?)
- 10. Who comes to your mind as you think about inviting unchurched people to church? (\*\*CAN YOU THINK OF AT LEAST 3 PEOPLE?\*\* <sup>(C)</sup>) Who are the people that you are already in relationship/friendship with that you could INVITE to church, to SERVE DAY, or to "come and see" about Jesus? What can this group do to encourage you to take that next step?
- 11. Romans 1:16 and Romans 2:4 remind us that the gospel the good news of Jesus Christ is the power for salvation, and it's the kindness of God that truly leads people to repentance and life transformation. In what ways does this "free you up" to simply try to help your unchurched friends move "one step closer" to Jesus?

## COMMIT TO MEMORY

Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. Luke 14:23

## PRAYER

Share prayer requests and pray for one another. Pray that the Holy Spirit would fill you with love and boldness to invite your unchurched friends and neighbors to **church and/or to "come and see" about Jesus. Pray about future opportunities to** keep inviting them into environments where they experience the love of Jesus.