

2026 USGA Theme: “Come and See”

Church Council Cultivation - Discussion Topics

JANUARY A Church That Begins with an Invitation (Acts 2:41-47) 1. What aspects of the early church's fellowship made it so inviting that “the Lord added to their number daily”? 2. What cultural and social barriers might prevent our church from creating a similarly welcoming environment today? 3. What concrete steps can we personally take this month to invite someone to experience our church fellowship?	FEBRUARY Seek Your Friends (Acts 10:24-27) 1. Who are the “Cornelius” figures God has already placed in our community circles that we could intentionally reach? 2. How can we take proactive steps to reach out to friends rather than waiting passively? 3. What new practices or systems could the council implement to help members intentionally seek friends for evangelism?
MARCH Share the Gospel Boldly (Acts 4:13-20) 1. What social pressures, fears, or misconceptions most prevent members from sharing their faith, and how can we address them? 2. How can council members demonstrate courage and authenticity in sharing their faith so that members are naturally inspired to follow their example? 3. What strategies can the council implement to help members identify everyday opportunities to witness about Christ in their workplaces, schools, and communities?	APRIL Don't Be Ashamed of the Truth (Acts 5:40-42) 1. How should we respond when the church or basic beliefs are misunderstood or criticized? 2. What spiritual disciplines or practices help maintain confidence in our doctrines despite opposition? 3. How can we teach members to stand firm in faith without appearing defensive or argumentative?
MAY Prepared to Explain the Truth (Acts 8:30-35) 1. How well-prepared are our members to explain basic doctrines simply and clearly to our friends? 2. What specific resources or workshops can the council provide to strengthen biblical literacy? 3. How can we encourage a culture where members feel safe asking questions and exploring deeper truths?	JUNE Invite Others to Experience (Acts 11:22-24) 1. What aspects of our church life best allow visitors to personally experience God's grace? 2. How can we remove barriers in our church culture that might unintentionally discourage newcomers? 3. How can we help members view evangelism as inviting others to experience Christ personally, rather than just explaining doctrines?
JULY Compel Them to Come In (Acts 13:42-44) 1. How can council members encourage loving persistence in following up with friends without being pushy? 2. How can we maintain motivation and hope when someone initially declines an invitation to church? 3. What practical follow-up systems or processes could we create to ensure no friend is overlooked?	AUGUST Pray and Fast for the Lost (Acts 13:2-3) 1. How often does our council intentionally pray for evangelism and the salvation of the lost? 2. How can fasting strengthen our passion for reaching the lost and direct our efforts in evangelism? 3. How can we ensure our evangelism is guided by the Holy Spirit rather than being driven mainly by church programs or activities?

SEPTEMBER

The Power of Testimony (Acts 9:1-22)

1. How can personal testimonies help members recognize God's work in their lives and motivate evangelism?
2. What prevents members from sharing their stories more openly, and how can we address these obstacles?
3. How can the council create safe and regular opportunities for members to share testimonies and praise God's work?

OCTOBER

Seeing God's Miraculous Work (Acts 3:6-10)

1. How can we help members recognize and articulate God's miraculous works in their own lives?
2. What examples of God's work in our church could we highlight to inspire faith and evangelism?
3. How can the council cultivate a "Come and See" mindset among members rooted in God's power and provision?

NOVEMBER

Fellowship that Attracts (Acts 2:46-47)

1. Which elements of our fellowship and community life most effectively convey love, unity, and genuine faith to those visiting for the first time?
2. Which elements of church culture might feel unwelcoming or intimidating to visitors, and how can we improve them?
3. How can the council intentionally develop a culture of hospitality that makes guests feel included and valued?

DECEMBER

Be the Philip of Today (Acts 8:4-8)

1. How can we discern whom God wants us to reach with His message of salvation in the coming year?
2. What structures, ministries, or leadership practices could support more "Philip-like" proactive evangelism?
3. How do we know if we are approaching evangelism as a meaningful mission, or merely as a task to check off on a to-do list?