



INVITED

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God Has Invited Us

You and I have been invited into a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is not something we have earned because of how good we are. This is something that we are completely undeserving of. And yet, because we have a gracious God, He has invited us into this relationship. Once we have accepted, we are called to invite others as well. When we invite others, however, it is not our job to make sure that someone responds. The Bible says that we are to "plant" and "water" the seed, but that it's God who does the miracle of making that seed grow. You and I need to simply be obedient and let God do the rest.

In His Service,
Pastor Brock

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- Don't forget: There will only be an 11a service on Sunday, September 6th!

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 8/24: No Youth Group
- 8/26: Women's Event at PCEC, 6:30p
- 8/30: 5th Sunday: 1st Graders & up in service!
- 9/6: **One Service Sunday, 11a service only**
- 9/7: Church Office Closed & No Youth Group
- 9/12: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 9-11a
- 9/13: Next Step Class, 9:25a
- 9/21: Women's Ministry Apps & Devos, 6:30p

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LIFEPPOINT: Because God has invited us to know Jesus, we should faithfully invite others to Jesus and then leave the rest up to God

The Invitation is Because of Our Need

Romans 3:23 (NLT), *"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."*

Isaiah 53:6 (NLT), *"All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all."*

Romans 6:23 (NLT), *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."*

God's Invites Us Into Grace

1 Peter 3:18a (NLT), *"Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God."*

That's the Gospel - the Righteous One died for the unrighteous.

1 Corinthians 15:3b-4 (NLT), *"Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said."*

Mark 1:15b (NLT), *"Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"*

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT), *"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."*

God Uses Us to Invite Others

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (NLT), *"I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. ⁷ It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow."*

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT), *"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"*

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV), *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"*

We Don't Need to be Perfect to Invite

The power of the Gospel is in the message!

Romans 1:16a (NLT), *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."*

Have You Accepted the Invitation?

Matthew 11:28 (NLT), *"Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'"*

Revelation 22:17b (NLT), *"Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life."*

John 3:16 (NIV), *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

Ask God to put one person on your heart. Invite them toward Jesus.

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Will They Come?

Who has God laid on your heart to invite into a relationship with Jesus? When you hear that question, does your anxiety go up? Maybe you think things like: What if they say no? What if I can't answer their questions? What if they think I'm weird? My challenge to you is to reframe the questions you are asking to: What if they say yes?! What if God has already been preparing their heart and is using you to point that person towards Jesus? Paul says, "How can someone believe in Jesus if they've never heard of him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?" God may be using you to point someone to Jesus! Our job is simply to be faithful and let God do the rest.

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- 10/4: Sunday Night Class, 6-7:30p
- 10/10: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 9-11a
- 10/14: Baptism & Child Dedication Service, 6:30p
- 10/25: Fall Covenant Partner Meeting @ FPE, 4:30p

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Matthew 28:19–20 (NLT), "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*"

Our job is to extend the invitation. God's job is to work in their heart.

1. Not Everyone Will Accept the Invitation

John 3: 19 (NLT), "*And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.*"

2. We Are Called to Invite, Not Manipulate

1 Corinthians 3:6–7 (NLT), "*I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. ⁷It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.*"

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3. The Invitation is Just the Start

John 1:41–42a (NLT), "*Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means 'Christ'). ⁴²Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus.*"

Come and see.

4. Don't Let the Fear of "No" Keep You From Inviting

Romans 1:16a (NLT), *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."*

The power is in the message of the Gospel.

5. What If They Say, "Yes?"

Sometimes we Christians retreat into our own little ivory towers. We isolate ourselves from people who don't believe the same way we do. We don't want any contact with them out of fear that we might be contaminated. Here's the problem with that kind of attitude: How are they going to be saved if they don't have contact with someone who can tell them about the love of God? I'm not suggesting that God is somehow dependent on us. He can do the job just fine without us. At the same time, he wants to use us as his instruments." –**Pastor Greg Laurie**

Romans 10:14 (NLT), *"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?"*

6. God Has Promised To Be With Us

Matthew 28:20b (NLT), *"And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Challenge:

Ask God: **"Lord, who is one person you want me to invite?"**

Then pray: **"Lord, give me the courage to invite them."**

And then: **"Lord, help me trust You with the response."**

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