

### **Weekly Services**

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sun. Worship 10:45 AM
Sun. Day/Evening Groups
Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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## Be a Good Inviter

"When it comes to discipling, hospitality is more important than friendship." ~ **Joe Bieren**, from his sermon; 'The Great Commission', March 14, 2021.

Hospitality begins with an invitation. That's why Jesus' followers are always on the lookout for opportunities to invite people to come to the waters of life.

Jesus was an inviter. He gathered disciples by inviting them to "Follow Me." Then He sent them out to invite people to repent, knowing it would not be an easy task. He said, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves." (Matthew 10:16).

Those stuck in a pit of pride refuse to repent, but those humble enough to come clean soon learn that repenting is a huge spiritual relief. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).

Jesus' followers love to prepare feasts and inviting others. A potluck is a food feast. A picnic is a fellowship feast. A walk along the river is a friendship feast. A good sermon or Bible class is a truth feast. Let's be good inviters! Invite people to church or to your Life Group. Invite newcomers to lunch after church. Invite singles to your family gatherings. Invite people to open the Bible with you.

Regarding invitations, the Bible is one. A book cannot enforce a response but God's Word is full of invitations to repent, to believe, to be baptized, to belong, to love, to learn, to trust, to give, to forgive, to share, to worship, and to rest. The Bible offers warm invitations all the way to its conclusion:

"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost." (Revelation 22:17)