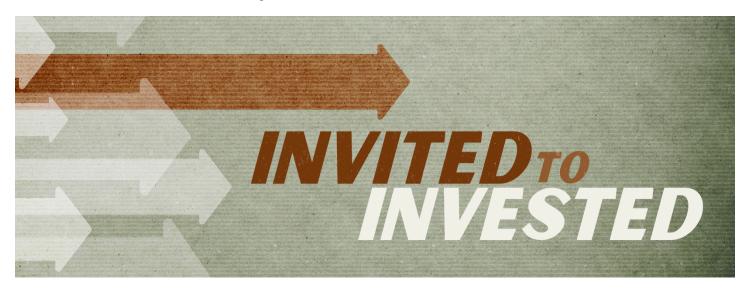


Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES -

Rev 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

Matthew 28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.19 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, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark 8:34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

Matt 12:30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Other Passages: Colossians 1, 1 John 3:16, John 3:16, 2 Timothy 2

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

- 1. Do you remember an invitation that you received that stands out above all the others? God ahead and share one and maybe an invitation that you received that you immediately knew you had to be there. Why did they stand out? Why were they so important?
- 2. Invitations that are personal and precious are usually the ones that come with deep relationships or come with a lot of effort and thought. Read together Revelations 3:20 and share your thoughts on this invitation? Is it something you have thought about as an invite? Is there another scripture that comes to mind that illustrates this invitation?
- 3. Take some time to share how you have seen this invitation ignored or accepted in our world today.
- 4. Matthew 28:16 We receive this command to continue the work of inviting others to the table with Jesus. Why might it be hard for us to extend the invite to others? Do you see this as a job for all believers or just some believers, why?
- 5. Romans 12:1-2 Describes a movement from "Invited to Invested" Take some time as a group to discuss what that phrase means and why this movement matters.
- 6. Share with each other What kind of adjustment you see God calling you to this week, in light of this Co mission that we are called to. Can you name even just one thing?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS