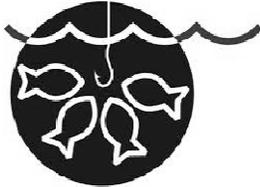


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- 4) Inform

*Today's Message*

### **Invite**

### **INVITE**

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**Luke 14:23** (HCSB) "Then the master told the slave, 'Go out into the highways and lanes and make them come in, so that my house may be filled.'"

**John 1:40-46**

John the Baptist invited Andrew  
Andrew invited Peter  
Philip invited Nathanael

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- B. Because inviting strengthens the witness you have already given
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- D. Because inviting utilizes the witnessing gifts of others

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*A non-confrontational turn of the conversation which allows you to assess a person's spiritual openness*

- ❖ I'll pray for you about that
- ❖ Any statement about your church
  - My pastor said . . .
  - A neat thing happened at church . . .
  - My Bible study teacher said . . .
  - A friend at church . . .
- ❖ Sometimes I struggle with \_\_\_\_\_. I'm glad I can depend on the Lord.

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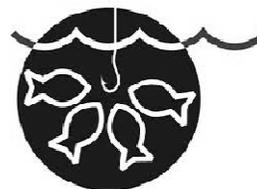
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