



# BETHEL CHURCH

"Come and See - Pastor Kiersten Berthaudin

**Sermon Notes, November 20, 2022**

**Text: John 4:27-42**

## **Introduction**

Have you ever been invited somewhere before? Do you remember the feeling you got when you were invited? What about not being invited somewhere?

Everyone loves to be invited to join in on something

Have you ever been in a church service and been challenged to invite people to church, but left feeling like you had no tangible ways of doing so? No steps. Just feeling like you needed a little bit more guidance on how to actually do it?

John 4:27-30

The woman runs into the village, full of people who hate her, to tell them of the life changing experience that she had with Jesus.

Evangelism isn't about convincing people to believe, it's about inviting people to decide. Jesus extended this invitation to the first disciples.

Matthew 4:18-25

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3 "steps" to invitation:

1. INVOLVE them in your life
2. INVEST in relationship
3. INVITE them to Jesus

In a study done by Lifeway Research, 55% of unchurch people said that an invitation from a family member would be effective in getting them to visit a local church. And 51% said that an invitation from a friend would be enough.

How would this look for us??

We are not called to convince people to believe in Jesus. We are called to invite them to decide for themselves. Just like the woman at the well, we are to share our experience, and say "come and see, could this be the Messiah?"



# Life Group Discussion

## Warm-Up:

Have you ever been in a church service where the pastor spoke about inviting others to church? Be honest, did you invite someone to church after that?

## Study & Discussion:

1) What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?

2) Read John 4:27-42

3) At some point, we have all been invited to church. What did that look like for you?

4) Why do you think invitation is such a difficult concept to walk out? What hinders you from inviting those in your life to experience Jesus?

5) Discuss different scenarios when or where you could implement the 3 steps that Pastor Kiersten laid out? Get specific about who in your life you feel you should be inviting in.

6) Be challenged to actually decipher which step you are at with the people in your life who don't know Jesus. As a LifeGroup, maybe take a minute to discuss what it could look like to hold each other accountable to walking out this practice of invitation.

## Prayer:

**Spend time praying for the specific people in your life who haven't met Jesus yet. Pray for each person in your group to have courage and boldness in involving people in their lives, investing in relationships, and inviting people to Jesus.**

