

# Make Invitations Debrief Guide

Total Time: 60 mins

### **Chapter 2: Toward a Healthy Culture of Invitations** | 25 mins

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5 mins	Introduce your culture of invitations and the invitation doom loop from chapter 2, lesson 1.	
5 mins	Share the different types of invitations Jesus makes from chapter 2, lesson 2.	
5 mins	Discussion questions in pairs: What is resonating with you from Jesus' examples? Which of these invitations have you received from Jesus in the past? Which invitations is he inviting you to right now? Pray for each other.	
5 mins	Read the list of healthy and unhealthy cultures.	
5 mins	Individual reflection time: In your current community, where do you see signs of a healthy culture of invitations? Where might there be areas of improvement or indicators of an unhealthy approach?	
Optional	Have them take the culture of invitations assessment in chapter 2.	

## **Chapter 3: Coaching Compelling Invitations** | 15 mins

10 mins	Read or summarize chapter 3, lessons 2 and 3.
	Respond individually: How have you coached people on making invitations in the past? What is similar or different to how it is described here? What could you do to improve how you coach people on making invitations?
5 mins	Discussion in pairs or small groups: Consider a discipleship opportunity that might come up often in your ministry. What cues could you give your community to help them recognize the opportunity to make an invitation? Try to craft two or three for your chosen discipleship opportunity.

#### Chapter 4: Barriers to Invitations | 10 mins

	Discussion questions: What barriers have you encountered while coaching people on making invitations? Or what barriers do you imagine you would encounter when coaching people on making invitations?  As a group, pick one barrier to trouble shoot together. Brainstorm potential ways to deal with that barrier. Take note of the other barriers and consider devoting time at a future meeting to crowd-sourcing strategies. And for more sticky barriers, consider planning out some teaching or training on it for the whole group.
Optional	If people are struggling, use examples from chapter 4.

#### **Chapter 5: Dealing with Rejection** | 10 mins

5 mins	Provide a pastoral word about rejection.
5 mins	Individual reflection time: Identify one or two behaviors, one or two attitudes, and one or two beliefs that you think could be useful for your invitation community in the face of rejection. Jot down some ideas for how to support the behaviors, cultivate the attitudes, and encourage those beliefs.

