

Compelling Invitations

Examples at-a-glance

Invitations to Church

Key: **Personal** Relevant Practical

Christmas

One of my favorite events of the holiday season is Christmas Eve at my church. I treasure the memories of watching my kids sing Christmas songs. I would love if you and your family would join us and add to the joy of the evening. It's a casual event where kids and parents sit together, sing songs, and hear a 15 minute talk about the meaning of the Christmas season. Would you like to come over for cookies beforehand and go together?

Easter

I have really enjoyed our discussions about faith and what it means to us. For me, Easter has been a significant time for reflecting on the big questions of life and how faith connects. Would you like to join me for an Easter service to deepen our conversations about faith and Jesus? We always have lots of visitors, and some of the most spiritually rich content of the year.

Write Your Own

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Other types of Invitations

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Alpha

I am joining a spiritual discussion group for eight weeks. We will honestly explore the big questions of life and faith as we explore the core of the Christian faith. When I was brainstorming who I'd like as a conversation partner at the table, I immediately thought of you. Would you care to join me for great conversation, food and connections with others?

Friendsgiving

Hey ____! I hope you've been doing well. I remember you told me your family is far away. I thought of you and I have an idea. We have a really cool event coming up and I'd love for you to join me. It's a Friendsgiving potluck on (day/time) at (location). It's a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving, eat yummy food, and meet some fun people. Are you free that day? Please bring a friend.

Seeker

Thanks for filling out an interest card. I see that you are curious about spirituality. I am starting a group to explore Jesus, ask all our questions, and try putting his teachings into practice. Exploring faith is more exciting with people who are curious like you. Are you free on (day/time) to join us for our faith discussion group? And please bring a friend.

Bible Study

Hey ____! Thanks for filling out a contact card. I see that you are curious about spirituality and the teachings of Jesus. That is amazing! I am starting a group to explore Jesus, ask all our questions, and try putting his teachings into practice. Exploring faith is more exciting with people who are curious like you. Are you free on (day/time) to join us for our faith discussion group? If you'd be more comfortable bringing a friend along, the more the merrier!

Appendix

Why offer invitations to faith?

"A Seeker attended our worship service four weeks in a row, but we did not know he was a seeker. He looked like a Christian. He sang our songs. He fit in. But after each service, he would linger near the front of the church. After four weeks, the Pastor introduced himself and said, "Welcome, I have you seen here a few weeks in a row. Do you have any questions about church or faith?" The seeker replied, "Yes, I have been waiting around for weeks hoping that someone would explain to me how to get faith. I don't understand what you all have." The Pastor shared a simple gospel summary, and the seeker confessed faith that day."

Anticipating three responses to your invitation to faith

"Trusting Jesus includes embracing, through the cross and resurrection, that we can be different people and receive a change of heart, both now and for eternity. This means making Jesus the center of your life, and following his leadership. Are you ready to do that? It's important to interact with God about this. Let's take a moment of silence. Ask God if he is inviting you to follow him."

YES

"That's fantastic, I'm so glad you made this decision. Let's take a minute to celebrate and pray for you now. Then, later let's talk and I'd like to hear more about what this decision meant for you."

NO

"I'm so glad that our small group can talk about and consider something as personal and as important as faith in Jesus together. Thanks for sharing with us where you are, I'm happy that we can talk about this openly and honestly."

CRY

"Considering faith in Jesus is a very important and personal decision and it can come with lots of strong emotions. Sara is clearly having an important moment right now. Let's give her some space to continue processing. Sara, I want you to know that I'm here if you want to process or pray with someone."