



Go Invite Others Too

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The Great Invitation – Isaiah 55

- **Come** – Draw near to God
- **Buy** - If you draw near, buy in!
- **Eat** – if you draw near, if you buy in, then start diving into Christ.

God's Awesome Promise

- **Isaiah 55:3** "Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David." NIV

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Isaiah 55:4-5 "See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. "Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor." NIV

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2. God's purpose is that the unknown people come

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Isaiah 55:11 "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." NIV

II. How Will God Accomplish His Purposes?

1. Through THE Witness – a Leader and Commander for the people

- **John 18:37**, "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to bear witness to the truth."
- **Revelation 1:5** "Jesus is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the leader (Isaiah 55:4) of the kings of the earth."
- **John 3:14** "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up," NIV
- **John 12:32** "But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." NIV

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- **Matthew 22:1-10**
- **Romans 10:12-15** "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? "And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!""

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- **2 Kings 7:3-11(9)** "Then they said to each other, *"We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace."*" NIV
- **John 17:18** "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." NIV

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- **Matthew 28:19-20** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.""
- **John 1:41-42** "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). "And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter)." NIV

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- **John 1:45-46** "Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "*Come and see,*" said Philip." NIV
- **1 Peter 3:15** "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect," NIV

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- **Colossians 4:2-6** "Devote yourselves to **prayer**, being watchful and thankful. "And pray for us, too, ***that God may open a door*** for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. "***Pray that I may proclaim it clearly***, as I should. "***Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.*** "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Applications

- Those of us who have come to Christ have also been sent to tell others
- The simplest invitation is a report – this is what has happened
- The place to start is with your family and friends
- Requires preparation “be ready”
- All our goings and invitations must be built on a foundation of prayer.

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3. Those who come will be transformed

- **Colossians 1:27** "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." NIV
- **2 Corinthians 3:17-18** "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." NIV



Principle

The invitation of the church will be the most successful when the glory of God is most evident in the daily life of the church.

