

FOR GOD SO LOVED GRIFFIN.

Part 2: The Power of an Invitation

Bottom Line: *A simple invitation can lead to life-changing transformation.*

Scripture: John 1:35-51

This message looks at how inviting someone to “come and see” can have a life-changing impact. In John 1, Jesus’ ministry begins with a simple call from John the Baptist, prompting two of John’s followers to follow Jesus. Jesus then asks them what they want and invites them to “come and see”—an invitation that leads them into a journey with him. Following Jesus’ example, we learn that sharing faith is less about convincing and more about inviting others into relationship and community.

Main Points

1. The Power of a Personal Invitation

We live in a world of constant invitations, but personal ones can shift our direction entirely. The way Jesus invited others to “come and see” was a low-pressure, high-impact model for introducing faith that lets people explore faith on their terms.

2. A Non-Threatening Approach

Jesus’ way of inviting people was relational, not forceful. Rather than imposing his beliefs, Jesus invited others to experience him personally. By focusing on relationships, we create space for people to see Jesus at work in their own lives.

3. Seeing People as Jesus Did

Jesus always noticed people individually, even when surrounded by crowds. When we make room to connect with others genuinely, we allow the Holy Spirit to work through our conversations, making our invitations authentic.

4. The Four Cues for Invitation

Four cues help us recognize opportunities to invite others: if things are *not going well*, they’re *not prepared for* something, they’re *not in church*, or they’re *not from here*. These everyday cues are reminders to be mindful and ready to welcome people into church or faith conversations.

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5. The Impact of Saying “Come and See”

Like Jesus' first disciples, who began to invite family and friends after experiencing Jesus, we never know what transformation might unfold from a single invitation. Our role is to extend the invitation, trusting that God will work through it.