

## Invest & Invite

**INTRO:** Jesus will build His church. We are His BODY!

**Acts 5:14** – *And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,*

**Statistics:** [Barna]

- 100 million Americans [all ages] are unchurched.
- If they all were a nation of their own they would be the eleventh most populated country on earth.

**Luke 19:10** [CEV] – *The Son of Man came to look for and to save people who are lost.*

- How will He do that today?

**Matthew 28:18-20** – *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

**Matthew 22:37-40** – *Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’<sup>38</sup> This is the first and great commandment.<sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

- **Neighbor** – according to Christ, any other man irrespective of nation or religion with whom we live or whom we chance to meet.

**Matthew 6:21** [CEV] – *Your heart will always be where your treasure is.*

- Invest & Invite because you see value in your neighbor.

**Colossians 4:5, 6 [AMP]** – Behave yourselves wisely [living prudently and with discretion] in your relations with those of the outside world (the non-Christians), making the very most of the time and seizing (buying up) the opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned [as it were] with salt, [so that you may never be at a loss] to know how you ought to answer anyone [who puts a question to you].

## INVITE

**John 1:40-49 [NLT]** – Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”<sup>\*</sup>).

<sup>42</sup> Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “*Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas*” (which means “Peter”<sup>\*</sup>).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “*Come, follow me.*” <sup>44</sup> Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.

<sup>45</sup> Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses<sup>\*</sup> and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

<sup>46</sup> “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

“Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.

<sup>47</sup> As they approached, Jesus said, “*Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.*”

<sup>48</sup> “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, “*I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.*”

<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”

**I Peter 3:15, 16 [MSG]** – Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you’re living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people

*throw mud at you, none of it will stick. They'll end up realizing that they're the ones who need a bath.*

**II Timothy 2:23-26** [LB] – *Again I say, don't get involved in foolish arguments, which only upset people and make them angry. <sup>24</sup>God's people must not be quarrelsome; they must be gentle, patient teachers of those who are wrong. <sup>25</sup>Be humble when you are trying to teach those who are mixed up concerning the truth. For if you talk meekly and courteously to them, they are more likely, with God's help, to turn away from their wrong ideas and believe what is true. <sup>26</sup>Then they will come to their senses and escape from Satan's trap of slavery to sin, which he uses to catch them whenever he likes, and then they can begin doing the will of God.*

- Invest & Invite gives opportunity for the unchurched to get answers to life's questions. [New Beginnings Class]

### **WHEN THE UNCHURCHED COME TO CHURCH**

- Do not turn around and stare!
- Be real!
- Be involved!
- Be friendly!
- Get to know them!

**Matthew 25:14-18** [MSG] – *It's also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master's investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master's money.*

- God has made an investment in us.
- We're responsible for how we manage that investment.