

GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

SESSION THREE: INVITING OTHERS

Jesus doesn't want the church to be an exclusive club. He wants everyone to know him and follow him. What does that look like, practically speaking? It means we genuinely care about people, we get to know what's happening in their lives, and, when the time is right, we invite them to take a next step toward Jesus. We all have a part to play.

VIDEO

Watch the short *video* as a group or individually before group.

DISCUSS

- 1. Did you end up at church as the result of an invitation? If so, tell that story to the group.
- 2. Have you ever invited a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to church? What happened?
- 3. What are some things that prevent you from inviting someone to church or watching a message? How can you overcome those obstacles to extending an invitation?
- 4. What are some ways you can tell when it's time to offer an invitation to someone?
- 5. During the message, Andy said, "You never know what hangs in the balance of your willingness to extend an invitation." How does that statement challenge you? How does it encourage you?

NEXT STEP

Take a moment now in group and think of one person you'd like to invite to sit with you on Sunday. Step outside your comfort zone and reach out to them. Nobody wants to do life alone.

"You have the power to change the trajectory of someone's entire life. All it takes is an invitation."

—Andy Stanley

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PRAY

Pray that God will direct you to someone he wants you to invite.

