

EPIISODE 8



INVITATIONS THAT INSPIRE: HOW YOUR POWERFUL INVITATIONS CAN CHANGE LIVES

In this episode, hosts Kevin Jones and Julie Hilliard dive into the often overlooked, yet incredibly powerful, art of intentional invitations.

5 KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Inviting others to come and act together

- Creating a stronger impact through inviting others to come and do something together
- The importance of making commitments and following up on them for accountability

2. Creating space for people to share their experiences

- Enhancing engagement through creating space for sharing experiences
- Expanding the excitement and application of teachings through sharing

3. Following up on invitations and commitments

- Building trust and credibility through following up on invitations and commitments
- People being more likely to act when actively involved in seeking resources

4. The impact of effort in invitations

- The idea that making things too easy may lessen the impact

- The importance of putting effort into invitations for more impact
5. Letting individuals take their own steps towards change
 - The importance of individuals taking ownership of their own growth
 - Examples of addiction recovery, parenting, and missionary work
 6. Giving invitations to come closer to Christ in various settings
 - The need to give invitations in various settings and follow up on them
 - Incorporating these ideas into upcoming classes
 7. Inspiration and preparation before extending invitations
 - Importance of inspiration and preparation before extending invitations
 - The role of the spirit in bridging the gap between hesitation and action

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the significance of intentional invitations in teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. Why do you think intentional invitations are often overlooked or underutilized in teaching scenarios?
3. Reflect on the examples shared in the episode of Jesus giving direct and powerful invitations. How do these examples inspire you in your own approach to teaching?
4. Why is it important to follow up on invitations and commitments made in teaching settings? How does this build trust and credibility?
5. How can creating space for individuals to share their experiences enhance engagement and the application of teachings?

6. Discuss the impact of active involvement in seeking resources versus having things spoon-fed. Do you agree that putting in effort can be more impactful? Why or why not?
7. Reflect on the stories shared in the episode about individuals being given invitations that felt out of reach. How did these invitations lead to growth and change?
8. What do you think about the idea that all commandments are invitations, but not all invitations are commandments? How does this perspective affect the way you perceive invitations in your own life?
9. How can the role of the Holy Spirit be instrumental in bridging the gap between hesitating and taking action upon an invitation?
10. Share your own experiences of giving or receiving invitations in a teaching context. What have you learned about the power of intentional invitations?

INVITATION





Take a moment to reflect on a recent teaching opportunity or situation in your life. How can you incorporate intentional invitations and follow-up in that scenario? Share your thoughts or experiences with us in the comments below or on our social media platforms. Let's learn from each other and continue to grow together!

WRAP UP

As always, we deeply love your dedication to teaching the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. If you found this episode impactful, don't hesitate to share it with your friends, family, other teachers, or anyone you feel could benefit from a fresh perspective on inviting growth.

-Kevin Jones & Julie Hillyard

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