

The Power Of An Invitation

(Luke 14:15-24)

- Introduction:
1. "...You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2).
 2. Have you ever stopped to think of how different your life could be if it weren't for the power of an invitation?
 3. Our lives, as well as the lives of others could be dramatically different today if we would simply muster the courage to ask for things we want.
 4. In view of next week being our Friends & Family Day, I wanted to spend this morning reminding you of the power of an invitation.

I. Notice Several Invitations In The Bible

- A. An invitation by Jesus (John 1:35-39).
- B. An invitation by Andrew (John 1:40-42).
- C. An invitation by Jesus (John 1:43-44).
- D. An invitation by Philip (John 1:45-51).
- E. An invitation by Jesus (John 4:1-26).
- F. An invitation by the Samaritan woman (John 4:27-42).

II. Our Obligation To Invite

- A. It is not within our power to convert people to Jesus (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).
- B. It is however, our obligation to invite people to Jesus who can change them.
- C. (Luke 14:15-24).
 1. God is the preparer of the feast.
 2. His servants are left with the task of inviting.
 3. Initial rejection was not excuse for the servant to stop inviting.
 4. There is a sense of urgency about the invitation.

- Conclusion:
1. Statistics overwhelmingly show that the vast majority of conversions that take place, take place because someone extended an invitation.
 2. We can make a difference.
 3. We all have influence over others...use that influence for good.
 4. Who knows how history could be changed, how lives can be affected long after you have left this world, by the power of a simple invitation.