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MOBILIZE
"Bring"
Sermon Small Group Notes
Be the invitation!

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than

[Acts 15.19, NLT]

"And so my judgment is that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."

[John 1.19-43]

This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" He came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah."

21 “Well then, who are you?” they asked. “Are you Elijah?”

“No,” he replied.

“Are you the Prophet we are expecting?”

“No.”

22 “Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?”

John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*“I am a voice shouting in the wilderness,
‘Clear the way for the LORD’s coming!’*

Then the Pharisees who had been sent asked him, “If you aren’t the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to baptize

John told them, “I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize. Though his ministry follows mine, I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandal.”

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
“**Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!***

³⁰ He is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’

³² Then John testified, “I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. ³³ I didn’t know he was

*the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'*³⁴ *I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God."*

*³⁵ The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶ As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "**Look! There is the Lamb of God!**" When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.*

³⁸ Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them.

They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus.

*⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² **And he brought him to Jesus.***

Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter")

Our Part in Bringing People to Jesus

1. **Be the invitation! (point people to Jesus)**
2. **We invite; Jesus provides the supernatural element!**

Practicalities of the Invitation

- **Recognize that fear will often be present, deal with it.**
- **Don't put pressure on yourself to know all the answers.**
(Your "brief testimony" & "I don't know" will be keys)
- **Be the invitation based on relationships and opportunities.**
- **Utilize social media to create interest.** (*"270 people baptized"*)
- **Pray for opportunities to invite.**

We are on mission; The Holy Spirit is going before us!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some reasons that people are hesitant in inviting people to church?**
- 2. How can we tell that people, in general, are living with a spiritual hunger? What are some things that point to this?**
- 3. What have been some things that you had to overcome (perhaps, even some "repellants") to arrive at, or stay planted in, the local church?**
- 4. Why is the supernatural element so significant to some people's decisions to following Jesus? What does the Bible say about "signs and wonders" as evidence for believers telling about Him?**
- 5. How does the apostle Andrew's example encourage us that little invitations can make a profound, long-lasting impact?**
- 6. What is one practical way that you personally can commit to this week to "be the invitation?"**