MY INVITATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Difference Maker - Part 4

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**John 1:40-49 (NLT)**   
Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”). 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”). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.” Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.   
Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”  “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied. As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.” “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.” Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”

PRINCIPLE: My invitation for my friends and family to attend church with me can make an eternal difference.

HOW MY INVITATION CAN MAKE AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE

1. BELIEVE THAT JESUS **CAN CHANGE LIVES.**

**2 Timothy 1:10 (NLT)**   
And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

**Matthew 11:28 (NLT)**   
Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

2. RECOGNIZE THAT JESUS **WANTS TO USE ME.**

**Mark 1:17 (NIV)**   
"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

3. IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN **MY SPHERES OF INFLUENCE TO INVITE**

**Colossians 4:5 (NLT)**   
 Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

4. CARE ENOUGH TO **EXTEND AN INVITATION TO CHURCH**

**John 1:46 (NLT)**   
 “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.

**Acts 20:24 (NLT)**   
But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

5. EXPERIENCE GOD'S **BLESSINGS IN MY OWN LIFE**

**Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**   
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."