



Our Vision is:

To creatively love and lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT); Mark 1:17 (NIV); Mark 6:7 (MSG) ; Luke 10:1 (TLB)

21 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 22 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' 23 "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. Luke 14:21-23 (NIV)

■ Every Christ follower is defined by who we "Know" and how we "Go".

A culture of invitation:

■ It's a culture that inspires others.

28 ... Back in the village she told the people, 29 "Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?"

30 And they went out to see for themselves. John 4:28-30 (MSG)

39 Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" John 4:39 (NLT)

■ It's a culture that shares with others.

44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— Acts 2:44-46 (NLT)

47 ...And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:47 (NLT)

■ It's a culture of Faith that brings others along.

18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, 19 but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven." Luke 5:18-20 (NLT)

24 ..Then, turning to the paralyzed man, he commanded, "Pick up your stretcher and go on home, for you are healed!" Luke 5:24 (TLB)

■ Few friends are true friends.

5 And now, through Christ, all the kindness of God has been poured out upon us undeserving sinners; and now he is sending us out around the world to tell all people everywhere the great things God has done for them, so that they, too, will believe and obey him. Romans 1:5 (TLB)

Friendship Evangelism is a culture:

■ Willing to care.

■ Willing to sacrifice for others.

■ Have faith for their spiritual needs.

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven." Luke 5:20 (NLT)

■ Courage to bring others with you.

Application:

■ Because I'm a friend I will invite others.

■ Because I love them I will start the conversation.

■ I will allow them to see Jesus in me.

7 So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith.

8 It gives us new life to know that you are standing firm in the Lord.

9 How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence. 1 Thessalonians 3:7-9 (NLT)

Have Questions? Text them to: (559)-464-5754

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from the talk on Sunday?
- Can you say the vision from memory yet? What does our vision say to you?
- Read Luke 14:21-23; What is Jesus saying? What is He asking us to do? What does "compel" mean to you?
- Do you think that Jesus' approach to friendship evangelism was a passive approach? Explain. Should our approach be passive?
- Are you a part of the culture of invitation? (Inspiring others to come and see, starting the conversation with others, bringing others along)
- Which of the three examples given for "A culture of Invitation" speaks most to you? Explain.
- What does "Bringing others along" mean to you?
- Are you inviting others, starting the conversation and allowing others to see Jesus in you?

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