

Stuff Jesus Said Part 8
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Are there any invitations you have accepted that have changed your life?
Have you ever extended an invitation to someone else that changed their life?

What was the main idea Jim wanted us to remember this week?
Never Underestimate the power of an invitation.

Why is it that when you experience something truly awesome, you want to tell somebody?

John 7:37-38 NIV

37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."[\[a\]](#)

Jim said that everyone is thirsty for something greater than our physical needs. What do you think it is? In what way does Jesus provide that?

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[\[b\]](#) baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

What is the fancy church term for this instruction? Why do you think this was so important to Jesus?

Proverbs 15:2

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge appealing,
but the mouth of a fool belches out foolishness.

Can you think of a time when you resisted what is the truth because someone told it in an unappealing way?

How can Christians make the gospel appealing to others? If you are not a Christian, what would make you more inclined to hear one talk about their beliefs?

How can inviting someone to Hope be done in an appealing way?

Andy Stanley has said "You can make a point, or you can make a difference." What do you think this means? How does it relate to sharing your faith?

In the days shortly following Jesus' resurrection, Christians were brutally attacked and murdered for their faith. And yet Christianity spread like wildfire. Why do you think that was?

Jesus said you will be my witnesses, not his defense attorneys. What does that mean? What would you personally share with someone in order to be a witness?

When was the last time you invited someone who doesn't go to church to Hope?

What keeps you from doing so?

Is there someone you can invite to Easter?

What can we do to help people to not just join us for our Easter service, but continue to come afterwards?