

Come & See

PART 3: The Cue to Who

INTRODUCTION

When Jesus' earliest followers invited people to come and see him, they weren't trying to explain something. They were inviting others to *experience someone*. A living example is better than a lengthy explanation. If people don't like what they see in us, they won't come and see with us. But how do we know who, when, and why to invite to offer an invitation?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did your church experience begin with an invitation from someone? If so, how do you feel about that person?
2. When you returned to church or began going for the first time, what was going on in your life? Were your circumstances good or bad? How did they influence your willingness to come and see?
3. Have you ever invited someone to come and see Jesus? Was it worth the risk? What happened?
4. Read John 4:4-26. What stands out to you about the way Jesus interacts with the woman at the well? Why does it stand out to you?
5. What are some things that stand in the way of you inviting someone to come and see? What can you do to overcome those obstacles?
6. Who came to mind as you listened to the message? What is your best next step with that person. Do you need to begin to invest in a relationship with him or her? Do you need to offer an invitation to come and see? What can this group do to encourage you to take that next step?

MOVING FORWARD

How do you know when to invite someone to church? Follow the cues. Sometimes things aren't going well in someone's life. That's a good time for him or her to come and see Jesus. Sometimes a person isn't prepared for the season he or she is living. That's a good time to offer an invitation to come and see. But an invitation doesn't have to be about solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation. Sometimes a person just needs to come and see Jesus. Follow the cues.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

John 4:25-26