



# You're Invited

## Week 2 - You're Invited To Invite Discussion Guide

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An invitation can be a very powerful tool. When Jesus invited people to follow Him, it changed their lives. More lives were changed as the people followed Jesus' instruction and invited others to meet Him. Today we can continue to impact lives by inviting others.

### Jump Start

1. Describe a time when you received an invitation that greatly impacted you.
2. *Matthew accepts the invitation.* Read [Matthew 9:9](#). Why did Matthew decide to follow Jesus so quickly? If you follow Jesus, what made you decide to follow Jesus? If you do not, what are your reasons for not following Him?
3. *Matthew immediately introduced his friends to Jesus.* Read [Matthew 9:10](#). Matthew told the people in his circle of influence about Jesus the same day he started following Him. How are you at telling others in your circle of influence about Jesus?
4. *Matthew's invitation changed A world.* Read [Matthew 9:11-12](#). Because Matthew threw his party later that day, Jesus changed the lives of Matthew's friends. Our invitations have greater impact and reach than we can imagine. When have you seen an invite make a great impact?
5. Final Thought: Matthew wasted no time introducing his friends to Jesus. Maybe you have never invited anyone to church, it's not too late! These next three weeks represent a great chance to introduce our friends to Jesus. Who do you know that needs Jesus? What do you need to do to invite them? How can your group help?

### Deeper

6. Read [Mark 2:1-12](#). One of the events Matthew probably witnessed is recorded in this passage. Put yourself in the paralytic's shoes. What do you think his life was like?
7. When Jesus announced "your sins are forgiven," how do you think he felt? How about when Jesus healed him?

8. How would you answer the question Jesus poses in verse 9? In what way does the healing address the doubts in the minds of the religious leaders?
9. Though the house wasn't handicapped accessible, his friends still found a way to get the paralytic to Jesus. How would you describe his friends? What are some practical ways we can follow their example?
10. **Read [Mark 2:13-17](#).** In what ways did Jesus do ministry differently from the Pharisees?
11. Do you find that you only minister in your comfort zones (as did the Pharisees)? What uncomfortable situations, people, and places might God be calling you to?