

Koinonia

Week Six: Invite and Include



While Jesus was here on Earth, He came to seek and save the lost. Now He's left the church to continue on with that mission. God's mission isn't just a personal command; it is a collective call to be the community that spurs each other to share God's message of salvation to those around us. Many times, sharing with others can start by telling them how God changed our lives. In this study, we will be looking at sharing our story, inviting others to join us on this journey, and being willing to take risks so others can have the opportunity to have a relationship with Christ and His community.

Introspect

- What does knowing and sharing “your story” mean? Have you ever made the connection between your story and the mission of reaching people for Christ with it? Why or why not?
- What are some fears and reservations you’ve had about sharing your story?
- How does being in community help you become confident in sharing with others who aren’t Christ followers?

Investigate

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” - Matthew 28:19 (ESV)

Accept Your Mission

Read Matthew 28:19-20

- Why is it important to understand that Jesus’ command to go is both a singular and a collective mission?
- How does that bring unity to the church?

Seize Your Opportunities

Read 1 John 4:9-14

- Why is abiding in Him so important to making the most of the opportunities God has given us?
- How are we able to seize opportunities because of that?

Take Your Risks

Read Matthew 5:14-16

- How do you shine your light?
 - What are the risks to shining your light?
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“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

- Matthew 5:14 (ESV)

Incorporate

- Who do you need to take the message of Jesus to so that they can have an opportunity to have a relationship with God? How can you seize the opportunity when it presents itself?
- What risks do you think you face when you share the message of Jesus with them? What's it going to take for you to look past the risks?
- Who are you building relationships with so that they can find the type of community that you have?
- Would you be willing to extend an invitation to have them join your Life Group or Serving Team so they can get a glimpse of what “koinonia” relationships look like? Why or why not?

Investment

Full circle: we love and take care of our own (koinonia), so that we are strong and unified to go out together to reach the world. Consider how you might reach out with a Cove team, so others may be brought into community (koinonia).

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