

How to Invite Someone to The Great Banquet

Scripture: Jesus varied his invitations depending on whom he was speaking with. Simon and Andrew – Matthew 4:19 Zacchaeus - Luke 19:5 Woman at the well - John 4:7 Followers in general - Matthew 11:28---30 Rich ruler - Luke 18:22

Suggestion

1. **Pray** Pray before you ask. Pray while you're asking. Pray while you're waiting for an answer. Pray when someone says, "yes". Pray when someone says, "no". Pray, pray, pray.
2. **Understand before Attempting to Be Understood** When people sense that we're sincerely more interested in them than in what we are offering, they will be more apt to consider our invitation. Additionally, understanding more about the person we're inviting will help us to frame our invitation appropriately.
3. **Be Prepared to Share**
★ 3 day retreat ★ 15 talks ★ life reset button ★ great food ★ lots of laughs ★ time and space to reflect ★ similar to Cursillo ★ life changing for thousands of people around the world ★ led by people like you and me ★ well thought out with a structure to help people process important life questions and choices ★ respectful of you
4. **Pick an Approach that Fits.**
 - **I Have a Testimony Approach.** Telling your story is as simple as 1, 2, 3.
 - 1) Share how you felt going into the weekend.
 - 2) Describe what (instead of how) the weekend helped you address in your life.
 - 3) Give an update on what life has been like since your Banquet
 - **An Invitation to Rest Approach.** Even though a person might do some of the hardest work of her or his life during the Banquet, at the very least it will give them a break from cooking, cleaning, yard work, watching the kids, answering the phone, etc.
 - **The Double Black Diamond Approach.** You might have a friend who will respond to a personal challenge.... "What are you afraid of?" "Give it a shot." "Risk three days to impact your life for the good."
 - **You're in the Driver's Seat Approach.** For the controller, let them ask every question they have about the Banquet, answering them honestly.
 - **The Personal Request Approach.** "It would mean a lot to me if you would consider going to the Great Banquet with an open mind."
 - **Our Community Needs You Approach.** "You are so good at mentoring other people, we'd love for you to be a part of the Great Banquet community and help people there."
 - **The Not All That Complicated Approach.** "Hey, you want to go to the Great Banquet?"