



Chair One/The Lost

MAIN THING

The First Invitation Jesus Makes Is To "Come and See"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 6:15, Romans 3:23-24, John 1:35-39, John 1:44-46, Ephesians 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Ephesians 2:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17

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Those of you who are parents, have you ever "lost" one of your kids? At the waterpark, at the mall, etc? What was it like? Those of you who aren't parents, did you ever get lost as a kid? What was it like?

OPENING THOUGHT

The process of discipleship IS the Christian life. Many times, people view salvation/baptism as the finish line, like they have accomplished what God wants for them in life. Nothing could be further from the truth. Christians must be constantly in the discipleship process, moving from Chair One to Chair Four, either being discipled or discipling someone. A healthy church will have a great mixture of all four chairs- churches that are out of balance with too many in any chair run the risk of not accomplishing the Great Commission.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
- 2. Dave said that in Chair One, the main thing is "conversion" and the three steps to conversion are conviction, repentance, and salvation. What do those three things mean- what is conviction, what is repentance, and what is salvation? Would you be able to lead a non-Christian person to Christ? Why or why not?

LIFE APPLICATION

Many people think that discipleship is a program- go to this or that Bible study, go deeper, etc. Discipleship is more of a process than a program. It's responding to the greater and greater calls of Jesus in our lives. Dave issued the challenge this weekend by saying, "You're not a disciple until you can make a disciple."

There has never been a bigger need for discipleship right now. There are people in this church and in our community that need what you have to offer. They need discipleship in so many areas- they need to know how to apply the Christian faith to salvation, to their marriages, to their finances, to raising children, to life's purpose, to calming anxiety and depression- you name it. People who are capable of discipling in these areas, and are not doing it, are depriving the Body of Christ of so much.

So, if you are a Christian, what chair are you personally in? Are you a disciple-maker? If you are in Chair One or Chair Two, who will you ask to begin discipling you? If you are in Chair Three or Chair Four, who will you start discipling?

CHALLENGE

From Dave: "I've never seen a time in my life- of more than twenty-one years of ministry- where people are in more need of discipleship and mentoring than right now. God has hand-delivered people to us who need exactly what we have to offer, yet so many in the Body of Christ will miss out on this opportunity because they simply aren't looking."

How can we, as a group, be involved in the process of discipleship? We can start in our own homes with our spouses and children if you have them. You can start with friends. You can start in this very group. Are there people in this community group who need one-on-one discipleship? Are there people in this group who are disciple-makers? Why not start the process right in this group?