

Leader Guide Session 2

Video Points:

- Chuck Colson was a key aide to President Richard Nixon who was involved in the Watergate scandal. He was not religious but his life changed when his friend, Tom, invited him to a Bible study group.
- After prison, Colson dedicated his life to prison ministry and Christian apologetics. He founded the Prison Fellowship, one of the world's largest Christian outreach programs to prisoners.
- This video forms the second part of a four-part series titled "How To Be a Change Catalyst." The focus is on Acts 4:13.
- Peter and John, disciples of Jesus, were ordinary people who made a significant impact because they were authentic in sharing their experiences with Jesus.
- Christians today do not need special qualifications to share their faith. It's about sharing who they are and inviting others to their church community.
- Relationships are vital. Church members are encouraged to deepen their friendships and invest in their existing relationships rather than treating people as projects or targets for conversion.
- Stats reveal that 82% of people would attend church if a friend invited them and 60% of regular churchgoers cited personal relationships as being influential in their decision to attend church.
- Inviting people to church can be likened to football throws. There are:
 - Handoffs: Individuals that would likely attend church if invited.

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- Short passes: Individuals that might need a bit more persuasion.
- Hail Mary passes: Longshots or people who are unlikely to attend church.
- The challenge to church members is to identify four people from these categories, move towards them relationally, and pray for them daily.
- Part three of the series will be sent out in a few days.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) How did Chuck Colson's encounter with Jesus in the Bible study group change the trajectory of his life and ministry? What can we learn from this transformational experience?
- 2) In the story of Peter and John in Acts 4:13, what qualities or action made them stand out to the council despite their lack of formal training in scriptures? How can ordinary people today have a similar impact in sharing their faith?
- 3) The speaker mentions that inviting people to church is about investing in relationships. How do you perceive the difference between viewing someone as a "project" versus genuinely investing in a friendship and caring for their spiritual journey?
- 4) According to the statistics mentioned, 82% of people said they would come to church if a friend invited them. Why do you think personal relationships

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have such a significant influence on people's decision to attend church or explore faith?

- 5) The speaker uses the analogy of throwing a football to categorize different types of relationships when inviting others to church. How would you identify the people in your life who fit into the "handoff," "short pass," or "Hail Mary" categories, and what strategies could you employ to approach each group?
- 6) What are some practical ways individuals can move towards the people on their list and invest in those relationships, as suggested in the challenge? How can these actions help break down barriers and create opportunities for deeper conversations about faith?
- 7) The challenge presented is to create a list of four people and take steps towards investing in those relationships, as well as praying for them. Share your thoughts and feelings about participating in such an outreach effort and the potential impact it could have on both you and those you engage with.
- 8) How can prayer play a vital role in the efforts to connect with others and share our faith? What specific aspects of these four people's lives can be lifted up in prayer, and how might consistent prayer impact their spiritual journey?