

Leader Guide Session 3

Video Points:

- Introduce Lee Strobel, an American author, former investigative journalist, and previous atheist whose life changed after his wife decided to follow Jesus.
- Discuss Strobel's transformation from an atheist to an international Christian speaker and author, emphasizing the power of personal invitation to church.
- Introduce "How To Be a Change Catalyst," a four-part series aiming to guide on how to invest in relationships and invite people to church.
- Highlight the importance of personal invitations to church.
- John Chapter 1, Verses 35-51
- Read and explain the scripture from John 1:35-51, emphasizing the spread of Jesus's message through personal interactions and invitations.
- Discuss the power and simplicity of the phrase, "Come and see," which is central to inviting people to church.
- Encourage viewers to personally invite someone to church, discussing various ways to make the invitation appealing (e.g., discussing upcoming events, messages, or children's activities).
- Provide resources for inviting people to church, such as cards, website information, or social media posts.
- Stress the role of the inviter as a "bringer," someone who actively brings people to church rather than passively inviting.

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- Share a personal story about die-cast cars and how the bus, with its multiple seats, represents inviting others to join our faith journey.
- Emphasize the concept of a "faith journey bus" - the idea of asking people to join us in our journey with God, not just attend a single service.
- Challenge the viewers to pray for an opportunity to invite one of four people they've been considering to church this week.
- Highlight the importance of taking the initiative to invite, regardless of the outcome, as the responsibility lies in investing in relationships and inviting others.
- Remind viewers to focus on inviting just one person as part of their role as a change catalyst.
- Conclude the session by expressing gratitude for their participation in the challenge and excitement to hear about their experiences inviting others to church.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) How did Lee Strobel's life change from being an atheist investigative journalist to a follower of Jesus, and what role did his wife's invitation play in that transformation?
- 2) In the story from the book of John, what do you think motivated John's disciples to follow Jesus after hearing about Him from John?

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- 3) What significance does the phrase “come and see” hold in inviting people to church or introducing them to the message of Jesus? How can we use this simple approach in our interactions with others?
- 4) The speaker mentions the importance of being a “bringer” and actively inviting someone to church. What are some ways we can be intentional in inviting others to join us on our faith journey?
- 5) How can we overcome any hesitations or fears we may have about inviting others to church and sharing our faith with them?
- 6) The speaker talks about using church events and activities as opportunities to invite others. What events or aspects of your church community do you think might be particularly appealing to those you want to invite?
- 7) In the story of Nathaniel, he initially doubts anything good can come from Nazareth, but he changes his mind after encountering Jesus. How can we help others overcome their doubts or preconceived notions about Christianity?
- 8) Lee Strobel’s books and talks have had a significant impact worldwide. How do you think sharing personal stories and experiences, like Lee’s, can influence others to consider faith?

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- 9) The challenge is to invite one person to church this week. Why do you think taking action and inviting someone is essential, even if they may not come?

- 10) What are some potential barriers or challenges you might encounter in inviting others to church, and how can you overcome them with grace and understanding?