

## Leader Guide Session 1

### Video Points:

- Brian Head Welch, a guitarist for the new metal band, Korn, experienced a life-altering spiritual awakening and transformation after being invited to church by a friend. He subsequently left the band and became a vibrant evangelist.
- Behind each significant spiritual transformation like Brian's, there is an ordinary individual who took the step to invite that person to church and engage them into the community.
- This is part one of a four-part series called "How To Be a Change Catalyst."
- The series examines small pieces of scripture and discusses their implications in everyday life, with an assigned challenge for viewers to complete after each video.
- The focus for this video is Ephesians 2:8-10, discussing the concept of God's grace and the idea of being a "catalyst for change" in one's community.
- A clear understanding of God's grace and the belief that we are all God's "masterpiece" or "poetry in motion" is a vital starting point for making a difference in others' lives.
- The term "catalyst for change" reflects the potential for small actions or movements to make a substantial difference when correctly directed.
- Church invitation can have a huge impact. Recent studies show that 82% of unchurched people would attend church if a friend invited them.

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- Despite the potential for impact, only 2% of churchgoers have invited someone else to church in the past year, revealing a missed opportunity.
- To encourage a culture of invitation and gratitude for God's grace, viewers are challenged to find an odd object to carry around with them. Each time they encounter this object, they should thank God for His grace in their life and consider how they can contribute to the invite culture.
- The domino analogy signifies that a single act of invitation can trigger a chain reaction, potentially leading to significant spiritual transformations.
- The series continues in subsequent videos, with more challenges and discussions to help viewers become catalysts for change in their communities.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1) In the video, Rich talks about the amazing conversion story of Brian Head Welch, a guitarist for the metal band Korn. It all began when a friend invited him to church. Have someone from the group share of a time that they invited someone to church. What were the results?
- 2) Consider your own story. Explain how others played a vital role in you coming to church or coming to know Jesus.
- 3) In your own words, explain what it means to be a change catalyst.
- 4) Have someone from the group read Ephesians 2:8-10. Explain how you have personally experienced God's grace in your life.

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- 5) Rich talks about being a change catalyst and making a difference in the lives of others. How does understanding God's grace play a role in this process?
- 6) Rich shared that only 2% of churchgoers have invited someone to church within the past year. Does this statistic surprise you? Why or why not?
- 7) The study mentioned in the video indicates that 82% of unchurched people would attend church if invited by a friend. Why do you think more people haven't been invited to church by those who already attend?
- 8) What are some potential barriers or fears that might prevent people from inviting others to church? How can we overcome these obstacles and embrace the role of being change catalysts in our communities?
- 9) What are you hoping to gain from this four-part series? Describe your expectations.
- 10) Discuss the challenge presented in the video to find an odd object, carry it with you, and use it as a reminder to thank God for His grace and consider how you can take steps forward in inviting others. How might this simple action impact your attitude and actions?