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**Please use this as a guide
when writing your own personal invitation.**

Please be my guest of honor at (event name).

This is a special evening of entertainment and
fun featuring (activity or performer). Enjoy
this evening shared with friends and receive a
complimentary gift.

Bring a friend! Join me at (location) on (date)
at (time). I look forward to spending this time
with you!

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***JOIN US IN WORSHIP AS WE EXPLORE A
GENUINE, AUTHENTIC WAY OF DRAWING PEOPLE
TO CHRIST BY BUILDING NEW RELATIONSHIPS.***

Have you ever wondered how to effectively invite your friends, relatives, or co-workers to become a part of our faith community? Have you ever felt ill-equipped to share your faith? Do you cringe at the word evangelism?

If you have answered yes to one or more of these questions, you won't want to miss our upcoming sermon series

This series will calm your fears and provide you with practical tips and techniques to comfortably and effectively reach new people for Christ. We will cover how to capture your own faith story and share it, how to be relational out in the world, and how to prepare our church to receive guests. Don't miss it!

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TIPS AND HELPS FOR FACILITATING THE *GET THEIR NAME* GROUP STUDY

Thank you for your willingness to facilitate a group study of *Get Their Name*. This experience is sure to be a blessing for you and for the participants. Facilitating this study is pretty simple. Your primary tasks are to prepare the space for each session, show the video conversation starters, and help your group engage in meaningful conversation in a positive environment.

The group sessions will typically run 60–90 minutes.

Someone in your congregation—perhaps you!—will be serving as the overall coordinator of your church’s *Get Their Name* experience. The coordinator will likely organize people into groups, arrange for meeting spaces, and attend to other organizational details. Make sure to **communicate with your coordinator**.

You may want to have snacks or a meal as part of your time together. If you choose to do this, be sure to plan this time in addition to the “study” time. On the other hand, don’t feel like you need to provide snacks or a meal as part of your time together. You might check in with your participants ahead of time to determine their preferences. Or you might just set up expectations for your group ahead of time based on your own preferences as the facilitator. You might consider meeting outside the church—in homes or public places such as libraries, restaurants, parks, or office spaces.

To prepare, read the book *Get Their Name*, upon which this study is based. Familiarize yourself with the overall concepts. If you have questions about the material, or if questions arise during your group sessions that you cannot answer, talk with the coordinator or your pastor.

Encourage participants in your group to read the book too. Not only will they get more from your time together, but they will have an expanded understanding of how to grow your church by building new relationships. Note: an expanded workbook is also available. It is an in-depth chapter-by-chapter study of the original book. If your group or individuals in the group wish to go deeper, consider using this additional resource.

Each week’s session follows this simple format:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introduction (week one only)
 - *Your name?*
 - *Why did you choose to join the group?*
 - *What do you hope to take away from this study?*
3. Review of Homework (after week one)
4. Read Scripture
5. Watch Video

6. Discussion Questions

7. Takeaway

8. Homework Assignment

9. Closing Prayer

Here are a few tips for facilitating the group study:

- *Clearly communicate the start time, end time, start date, end date, and location.*
- *Provide your contact information, and ask participants to let you know if they are unable to attend.*
- *Start on time. End on time.*
- *Be prepared to open and close each session in prayer yourself, but after the first week, ask for volunteers to offer the prayer too. Ask in advance, outside the meeting time, so participants don't feel pressured.*
- *Arrive in advance each week to prepare your meeting place, so that it is ready when participants arrive.*
- *Set up the DVD player, TV, or whatever technology you are using to play the video each week before participants arrive.*
- *Encourage participation from all. If you have someone who seems reluctant to speak, that person may be someone who internally processes. Or they may be a bit shy. Ask them questions to bring them into the group discussion, but don't put them on the spot in asking for a specific answer. Rather, you might ask if they might share a thought about a particular subject at hand.*
- *You are not required to have all the answers! Your job is to facilitate a meaningful, Spirit-filled conversation. So relax and enjoy!*
- *Facilitate conversation with open-ended questions. These often start with "What do you think about" or "Describe a time in your life when" or "Share what is most meaningful for you about," and so forth. Try not to use questions that can be answered with yes or no.*
- *Be an encourager, and keep the discussion on track. Participants may find some of the information and questions challenging. As the group wrestles with the lessons, allow people to share their struggles, but don't allow the session to be derailed. Acknowledge the struggles, and then bring the discussion back to the topic at hand.*

Set clear expectations for the group at your first meeting. Ask the group participants to

- arrive on time;
- complete the homework assignments;
- attend regularly, so that the group benefits from the variety of perspectives;
- be in prayer for one another for the duration of the study; and
- respect the different thoughts and opinions expressed in their time together. In these differences we see through an entirely new lens, which is beneficial and a desired result of the study. Your group should be rooted in grace and love for one another.

Thank you again for your willingness to serve! Remember, this is a chance for you to learn, engage, and wrestle with the materials too. May you and your group be blessed through this study. And through this study may your church grow by building new relationships with new people!