

LifeApps: “Invest and Invite”
September 2nd, 2018. Pastor Dan Morgan

JESUS said: *Therefore everyone who **hears these words** of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

Matt 7:25

JAMES said: *²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

James 1:22

Sermon Key Verse:

*¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be **prepared to give an answer** to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...*

1 Peter 3:15-16

EXAMPLES OF EARLY CHURCH LEADERS TO INVEST & INVITE...

• **John, Peter, Andrew, Philip and Nathan’s Example** (John 1:35-46)

*³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus... ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. **“Come and see,”** said Philip.*

John 1:35-46

• **The Woman at The Well** (John 4:1-42)

*⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”... ¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” ²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ **“Come, see a man** who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him... ³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”... ⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”*

John 4:1-42

• **The Blind Man’s Limited knowledge to Shares His Story** (John 9:1-27)

¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.”...

*²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” ²⁶ Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? **Do you want to become his disciples too?”***

John 9:1-27

• **Paul Used Current Culture and Theology to Share His Story...**

*¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he **reasoned** in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁹ Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?... ²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way **you are very religious...**” ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you **worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.***

Acts 17:20-23

RESULTS WHEN I SHARE MY STORY WITH THOSE I’VE INVITED?

1. They could accept Christ!

2. I’ve planted a seed.

⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

1 Cor 3:6-7

3. They will reject me.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:11

*If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are **blessed**, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*

1 Peter 4:14