



Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

SERMON SYNOPSIS

Our mission here at The Rocks is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Our strategy to achieve this mission is by creating spaces where people are encouraged and equipped to pursue intimacy with God, community with insiders, and influence with outsiders. How can you be an influence with the outsiders? We believe every believer has the responsibility of carrying out the great commission in their sphere of influence. We believe sharing the Good News should be a partnership between you as a follower of Christ and the church (a local congregation) as the body of Christ. That's why our strategy for reaching those who are far from God is **INVEST & INVITE**. **INVEST** in people unconditionally & **INVITE** them to experience God personally.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share your personal experience how you became a Christian. Who was the person who invest in your life? Who was the person who invited you to Christ personally, or bring you to a Christian gathering (church)?
2. Read Mark 2:1-12
 - a. Compare and contrast the four friends of the paralysed men and the teachers of religious law in this story? Who was Jesus more impressed with? Why?
 - b. How does this story illustrate the importance of not just coming to church but inviting someone to experience Jesus in church?
 - c. Do you think you have to know a lot about doctrines before you can invest or invite someone to meet Jesus?
3. We desire to make reaching your un-churched friends and family as easy as possible. We partner with you. You pray for and invest in the people in your life. When the time is right, you invite them to The Rocks.
 - a. Can you list a few things we do on Sunday morning at The Rocks that will make our guests feel comfortable and want to come back?
 - b. Who are the people in your life that you can start praying for and investing in? Share them with your group and pray for them.

MOVING FORWARD

INVEST in people unconditionally & **INVITE** them to experience God personally. Commit to pray for one disconnected person every day this year. Pray that God would open up opportunities for you to be a part of their life and for the opportunity to invite them to church or talk with them about your faith.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The value of the thing determines the time we give to searching for it, the energy we give to searching for it, and the price we are willing to pay to retrieve it. How much does God value those who are disconnected from Him? How much do you value those who are disconnected from Him? How much time are you willing to spend? How much energy are you willing to invest? What is the price you will pay?