

Invite Like An Apostle (John 1:35-49)

“Almost Half of Practicing Christian Millennials Say Evangelism Is Wrong” – *Barna Group*
(barna.org, Feb. 5, 2019).

- ____ of Practicing Christian Millennials agree...it is wrong to share one’s personal beliefs with someone of a different faith in hopes that they will one day share the same faith. (cf. Prov. 11:30; Rom. 10:14-16)
- ____ of Millennials believe that people today are more likely than in the past to take offense if they share their faith. (cf. 1 Cor. 1:21-24; Lk. 7:23)
- Among practicing Christians, Millennials report an average (median) of _____ close friends or family members who practice a faith other than Christianity. (cf. Eph. 4:4-7)

Notice the apostles, the first evangelists, in one of the first episodes of them acting in evangelism. They said, “Come and See.”

I. Invite Because It is _____

- A. _____ modeled the invitation (John 1:38-39). It’s not wrong.
- B. Right reasons to invite others to know the Gospel of Jesus.
 1. You are _____ by Jesus, the Son of God (John 1:34-39).
 2. You _____ what people are looking for (John 1:38, 41).
 - a. The way the truth the life (John 14:6).
 - b. The passage to God (John 14:6)
 - c. The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
 3. You understand what the _____ is all about – Jesus (John 1:45).
 4. You know the _____ of the Lord (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

II. Invite _____ The Pressures of _____

- A. Jesus started _____ things about Simon right away – his name (John 1:42).
 1. Would people be offended?
 2. Jesus and His teaching does call for all sorts of changes in people’s lives.
- B. Nathaniel was _____ and skeptical at first (John 1:46).
 1. “I don’t respect people who don’t proselytize. If you believe that there’s a heaven and hell... and you think, ‘Well, it’s not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward’... how much do you have to hate somebody not to proselytize?”
– Penn Jillette, comedian, magician, & well-known Non-believer (Source: Ed Stetzer, “Why do Christians keep inviting you to church?” (cnn.com, 14 April 2017)
- C. Faithfulness to the Faith means Evangelizing. Christianity is a taught religion.
 1. God _____ when His word is taught (John 6:44-45).
 2. The gospel _____ when it is taught (2 Thess. 2:14).

III. Invite Family And Friends, Then Other People

- A. Andrew starts with _____ but led others to know Jesus (John 1:40-41).
 1. Andrew met the lad with fish and loaves (John 6:8-10).
 2. Andrew brought Greeks who wished to see Jesus (John 12:20-22).
- B. Philip starts with _____ but was an apostle and led many to know Jesus (John 1:45-46).
- C. Make _____ and have _____.