



Seeing God's Vision, Hearing God's Voice,
Experiencing God's Victory & Holding onto the
Hope that God has for you

Where Am I Going? Week 2: The Great Invitation

Welcome to Week 2: The Great Invitation

Campaign Theme Verse:

1 Peter 1:13-16

"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"

Campaign Slogan

Know this, the world around you is wasting away. Be inspired—the will of God is moving forward. So turn to Jesus today, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Last week we explored the Book of Jonah as a key to understanding the biblical story. This week we are exploring The Great Invitation of God to participate in the divine nature and to escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires (2 Peter 1:3-4).

This invitation is so great and so powerful that the only way this can be a reality in our lives is by God giving us the keys to this kind of kingdom life and kingdom living and thankfully He does just that.

The two keys that God gives us are 1) having the LIVING GOD, Living inside of us through the power of the Holy Spirit and 2) the very great and precious Promises of God (2 Peter 1:3-4).

In today's small group session we will look at 5 habits that Jesus practiced in His life that should guide the way that we live ours as well. As you start this journey, "May the God hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

WEEK 2_ THE GREAT INVITATION SMALL GROUP SESSION 2 NOTES

Week 2 Theme Verse: 2 Peter 1:3-4

“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by it’s evil desires”.

Small Group Order:

- Open in prayer:
- Recite the Theme Verse and Campaign Slogan together
- Watch the Small Group Video Session 2: The Great Invitation
- Leader Read the Week 2 Theme Verse: 2 Peter 1:3-4 & Romans 15:13
- Small Group Discussion
- Have everyone in the group decide one action step they will take this week and write it down and share. Next week check back in and see how it went.
- Discuss possible small group service project.
- Close in prayer.

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In life and faith we tend to focus on what we see. As long as we limit our lives to what we see with our earthly eyes, we will never fully experience the God who is eternal, immortal and invisible (1 Timothy 1:17). Following God requires us to change the way we see and live our lives, so that we live by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). We need this lens of faith, because it is only through faith that we can experience hope. For hope that is seen is no hope at all (Romans 8:24).

In Romans 15:4, Paul prays and offers this blessing to the believers in Rome, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Spirit”. In today’s study we receive this great invitation from God to experience the reality of our future hope in heaven, now brought to us by the divine nature of God into the present, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We experience this hope by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us as we live in the knowledge of Him who called us and through the very great and precious promises of God (2 Peter 1:3-4). Through these we are able to experience the divine nature, partner with God and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. This is indeed a great invitation that God invites us to experience as a reality in our lives now.

God’s future hope is made a reality in our lives now through the Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit in our lives, we experience the presence and power of God in our lives. It is the Holy Spirit that speaks to us and works in us and through us to connect us to the divine nature and empower us to partner with God in His work in the world.

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The Great Invitation is to PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE NATURE, to PARTNER WITH GOD, and to ESCAPE THE CORRUPTION IN THE WORLD caused by evil desires.

John 4

When God gives us a great invitation, we tend to look at the “bucket”: our resources. We look at what we can see with our eyes.

We are called to LIVE BY FAITH. For Hope that is seen is no hope at all.

God has given you the KEYS TO THE KINGDOM.

2 Peter 1:3-4

5 Ways to Experience this as a reality in your life:

1. PLAN our lives with PRIORITY TO THE KINGDOM FIRST.

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent”.
~John 17:3

- It's not just a HEAD KNOWLEDGE.
- It's not just about knowing the words, its about KNOWING THE PROMIESS OF THE PERSON.

“But seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”.
~Matthew 6:33

Jesus started his ministry with 40 DAYS OF PREPARATION.

- How much time are you preparing?
- Are you helping your children prepare?
- Are you helping your spouse prepare?

Challenge: Starting and ending your day with time with God seeking God in solitude.

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- ADJUST YOUR LIFE when you see God at work.

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2. PRAY with AUDACITY.

- **The Lord's Prayer**

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. ~Matthew 6:9-10

- One of the reasons why we don't set our hope on the grace to be given us, is because we are not experiencing the grace here and now.

God wants you to experience A PIECE OF HEAVEN NOW, the presence of God now.

“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father”. ~John 14:12

You can the Lord's prayer—but you can also LIVE IT OUT.

WALK AS JESUS DID.

Question.

Do we take Jesus at his word,
Or do we dismiss the parts that are hard, and the parts that are holy,
and the parts that would hurt us to live them out?

3. PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL and the POWER OF GOD.

One of the reasons that we don't always inspire people with faith is because we are offering SOMETHING THAT IS GOOD, BUT IT IS NOT GOD.

We often focus on the problems of here, when God wants us to focus on live into the promises of heaven.

Questions:

- Would you like to know God?
- Would you like to experience the power of God?
- What is the hope that you are holding onto?
- Can I pray for you?

**“PRAY IN THE
SPIRIT ON ALL
OCCASIONS”
~EPHESIANS 5:18**

PAUSE.

SAY, “SPIRIT SPEAK”

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

THEN LISTEN AND ACT.

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The will of God is NOT ALWAYS THE WILL OF MAN.

When we settle for what we are doing, WE MISS WHAT GOD IS GOING.

When you pray in the Spirit, you will BAT 100% OF WHAT GOD IS DOING.

Following God's Invitation will leads you to share ETERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT.

Peter experienced the divine nature in His life.

"Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk. Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk."

~Acts 3:6-7

Are you participating in the divine nature?

Are you living it out?

If you want to experience great things, you need to expect great things from God, and the only way for that to happen is if you believe it. If you know the promises of God.

- **Go with GOD'S PROMISES versus your problems.**

Q. What promises of God are shaping your life?

4. PRACTICE your faith peacefully.

"He has showed you, O man, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God". ~Micah 6:8

Justice is PUTTING WRONGS RIGHT.

To do what GOD IS ALREADY DOING and will one day do finally forever.

A key to receiving God's grace is being humble.

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble". ~1 Peter 5:5

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5. PARTY PASSIONATELY

- Jesus shared his JOY.
- Jesus had reason to celebrate.

To do that you NEED TO BE AROUND PEOPLE.

Only in CLOSE PROXIMITY can you share the presence of God and the promises of God.

- Heaven will one day be a marvelous celebration for all who place their trust in God.

*“Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude,
like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:
Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.*

Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints).

*Then the angel said to me, ‘Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the
lamb!’ These are the true words of God” ~Revelation 19:6-9*

*“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give everyone according to what he has
done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ‘Blessed are
those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the
gates of the city”. ~Revelation 22:12-14*

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS:

Choose a few questions: you do not have to get through all the questions:

1. **What stuck out to you most about this week's Sermon Message, Small Group video session or in the daily Bible readings?**
2. **In Today's sermon message, The Great Invitation, Pastor Chet shared four things that God wants to do in your life; the first one was, "Supply what is lacking in your faith". Do you ever feel like something in your faith is lacking, if so, what? and why?**
3. **This week we are exploring the Great invitation of God to participate in the divine nature, how much of the divine nature are you experiencing in your life and what is one area you could experience God more?**
4. **What do you think about the following phrase from today, "You are not God. But you have the LIVING GOD, living inside of you. And He who is in you, is greater than He who is in the world"? How much does this truth and reality shape your daily life?**
5. **In today's session, Pastor Chet said, we tend to see life and our relationship with Jesus like the Samaritan woman at the well, who focused on the missing bucket, the resources: the limits of what she could see. How does living by sight rather than faith, limit our ability to experience the God of Hope and the peace and joy it brings?**
6. **Today's Small Group session shared 5 ways that Jesus modeled living out the great invitation, which one stuck out to you the most and why?**
7. **The power of the Spirit is shaping the reality of our lives, how much are you partnering with the Holy Spirit in your life?**
8. **One of the things that Jesus taught us was to pray with audacity, how would you describe your prayer life? What would it look like if you began to pray God sized Kingdom prayers?**
9. **God wants to give you the power of the Spirit to fight your battles and experience His victory, in what ways are you experiencing the victory of Jesus in your life?**
9. **What is one thing you will do this week to experience God's great invitation in your life:**
 - Say the Phrase, Pray the Phrase or Live the Phrase. "You are not God. But you have the LIVING GOD living inside of you. And greater is He who is within you, than He who is in the world".
 - Pray with Audacity.
 - Plan with Priority to the Kingdom first.
 - Proclaim the Gospel and the Power of God.
 - Practice Your Faith Peacefully
 - Party Passionately.
9. **How can we pray for you this week?**

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