



I AM CHRIST CHURCH

HOW WE LIVE

I Am Christ Church: Part 2 - Invite

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“I Am Christ Church” - The mission. What we believe. **How we live.**

Disclaimer: Christ makes a Christian, however our **decisions** and **disciplines** (how we live) make the **disciple**.

The Wheel:

1. Never ends. Never outgrow.
2. Start anywhere. Finish everywhere.
3. Simple definition and complex definition.

We “Invite”

John 1:35–46

³⁵ The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶ As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, “Look! There is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ When John’s two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Jesus looked around and saw them following. “What do you want?” he asked them.

They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ **“Come and see,”** he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. ⁴¹ Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”).

⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to **meet Jesus**. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).



⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.” ⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.

⁴⁵ Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

⁴⁶ “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

“**Come and see for yourself,**” Philip replied.

Invite: we **invite** people to **Jesus**

Invitation includes:

Sent out. Going. Sharing. Witnessing. Conversation. Opportunity. Relationship.

Invitation includes:

Kingdom. Forgiveness. Promises. Hope. Teachings. Disciple. Church.

Matthew 28:19

Acts 1:8

2 Corinthians 5:19-20a

Romans 10:15 / Isaiah 52:7

We invite people to **Christ** and **Christ’s church**.

REFLECTIONS

1. What “simple definition” comes to mind for each word on the Wheel? Which word are you most interested in learning more about? Do you have a desire to start growing in one area of the Wheel?
2. Have you ever invited someone to something? Have you ever invited someone to something regarding your faith? What happened? What was it like for you? What did you learn from it?
3. Read John 1:35-46. What do you notice? What can we learn about invitations from Jesus, Andrew, or Phillip?
4. Read the other verses listed above. Which is your favorite? Which one influences your understanding of invitation the most?