



## DEAR GROUP LEADER,

Being engaged in church is about more than attending Sunday services. We define full engagement with the church as participating in our mission to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by doing four things: **connecting in a group, serving on a team giving a percentage and inviting a friend**

**You and your group members have already connected.** But we want you to be fully engaged. We believe it benefits you. It helps you to grow faster and in ways you wouldn't expect. That's why we've created three one-session resources to help you explore serving, giving, and inviting. We encourage you to lead your group through all of these resources unless it covers an area of engagement you're all currently participating in.

Thank you for your investment in your group members and in the mission of our church.

**NOTE:** Before leading your group through this resource, investigate the easiest ways for your group members to invite others to your church so you can provide them with practical next steps. If you attend a North Point Ministries church, point them to **[campus.org/engage/invite](https://campus.org/engage/invite)** (e.g., [northpoint.org/engage/invite](https://northpoint.org/engage/invite)) for more information.

## ABOUT THIS LEADER'S GUIDE

This guide is designed for you. It provides you with the resources you need to lead a helpful conversation with your group members. It's not a Participant's Guide. Your group members don't need to see it, review it, or do any homework before your group meeting.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THIS GUIDE:

- **Introduction and Wrap-Up:** These sections provide you with sample content for setting up and concluding the discussion. You don't have to read them verbatim, but it's a good idea to communicate to your group the content they contain.
- **Video:** Teaching content is provided by video. The video includes a host segment that sets up the session's discussion and provides context for why this conversation is important. The host segment is followed by a teaching segment by Andy Stanley.
- **Discussion Questions:** These questions are provided as a roadmap for your conversation. Because your group members won't have a copy of them, you can modify them or even add your own follow-up questions based on the natural flow of the conversation.
- **Takeaway Card:** This is a printable or emailable PDF to help remind your group members how to take action on what you discuss, and to encourage them to do just that.



- **Additional Leader Resources:** These are optional resources that may help you answer questions your group members have, guide them as they take next steps, or just create a richer and more helpful group discussion.

## INTRODUCTION

*Communicate this to your group:*

Jesus doesn't want the church to be an exclusive club. He wants everyone to know him and follow him. So we think it's vital that we invest in the unchurched people in our lives. That doesn't mean we treat them like projects. It means we genuinely care about them, get to know what's happening in their lives, and, when the time is right, to invite them to take an appropriate next step toward Jesus.

Right now, we're going to watch a video about inviting. After that, we'll talk about what watched.

## VIDEO

*Invite a Friend (20:27 minutes)*

Watch the video together as a group.

## DISCUSSION

Use these questions to have a conversation about giving:

1. Did you end up at church as the result of an invitation? If so, tell that story to the group if they haven't already heard it.
2. Have you ever invited a friend, neighbor, or coworker to church? What happened?
3. What are some things that prevent you from inviting someone to church? How can you overcome those obstacles to extending an invitation?
4. What are some ways you can tell when it's time to offer an invitation to someone?
5. During the message, Andy said, "You never what hangs in the balance of your willingness to extend an invitation." How does that statement challenge you? How does it encourage you?



6. What will you do because of this time together? What can this group do to help or support you?

## **WRAP-UP**

*Communicate this to your group:*

You're already engaged in the mission of the church. You've already taken the step to connect into a group. I want to challenge you to invest in someone in your life—a friend, neighbor, or coworker—and, when the time is right, invite that person to an appropriate environment at church.

## **ADDITIONAL LEADER RESOURCES**

Knowing how to invest in friends, neighbors, and coworkers, and when to make an invitation can be challenging. The Five Thresholds video may help you and your group members figure out your best next step to investing and inviting.

The Five Thresholds video is located on the Fully Engaged page or at <https://vimeo.com/137959385>