

C.S.I. PART THREE INVITE

SESSION SIX OVERVIEW

Session Summary

In session 6 the main theme was an examination of the third part of CSI lifestyle: Invite. It shows the importance of inviting both non-Christians and new converts to Church and to relevant Christian events.

Session Details

Invite has two implications.

Implication One: Inviting our non-Christian family, friends, and acquaintances to Church or to an evangelistic event.

Inviting people to Church is no substitute for us being a witness but rather it can often be the final stage of the process that sees them coming to Christ. There is a wonderful spiritual dynamic when non-Christians encounter a worshipping community of believers and the proclamation of the gospel message. Many non-Christians have made their decision for Christ after being invited to Church by a friend.

Implication Two: Inviting new converts to Church to be cared for and discipled.

In our witnessing endeavours we may experience the joy of leading someone to Christ. The next step is to bring them along to Church where they can be discipled and cared for, so they can grow in their faith.

SESSION FIVE ACTIVATION REPORT

(Break off into small groups)

Describe how the last session activation went (sowing Kingdom seed).

Share any interesting testimonies that might be relevant.

What did I learn?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1: Why is it so important to invite non-Christians along to Church or evangelistic events?

Question 2: Did anyone ever invite you to church before you became a Christian? What effect did it have upon you?

Question 3: If you haven't invited anyone to church why do you think you haven't done so? List the reasons why and then think of a solution.

Reason:_____

Solution: _____

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Question 4: Make up a quick list of people who you could invite along to church or to an evangelistic event.

Question 5: Discuss this statement, 'It is one thing to invite people to church but it's another to bring them'. What can we do to make the church invitation more attractive? (*i.e.* inviting them out to lunch afterwards, etc.)

Question 6: Share any testimonies about what happened when you've invited friends to church.

Question 7: Read and discuss Psalm 92:12-13. Why is it so important for new converts to be planted in church?



(Either pray as a group or break into smaller groups)

Prayer points

Pray for the people who are in your 'Question 4' list.

Pray that each group member not only steps into a C.S.I. Lifestyle, but also experiences the great joy of leading people to Christ.

ACTIVATION

Invite and bring someone (or more than one person) to church this week (or to a special event). Have a look at 'Question 4' for people to invite.

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CONCLUSION

Congratulations on completing the Every Believer Can Training Course. You are now ready to go to the outer most parts of the earth as a witness for Christ!

As you prayerfully put into practice what you have learnt and embark on a lifestyle of witness, the Holy Spirit, our Heavenly Helper, is going to empower you to help many people to draw closer to God.

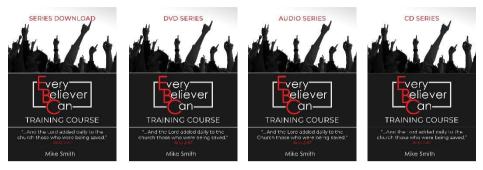
I believe that as time goes by not only will you sow much Kingdom seed (which others after you may harvest) but you will also have the joy of seeing people you have connected with come to discover Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

All of Heaven is cheering you on!

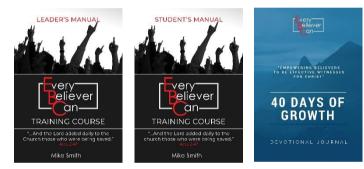
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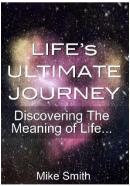


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