



This week we focus on our eighth DNA statement: *We are Intentional + inviting ... we diligently craft environments where people can encounter God.* We cherish the picture of Jesus inviting his first disciples to 'come and see', and then those disciples extending the invitation to others.

REFLECT (10 Minutes)

How has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you through the sermon and/or in your personal reading so far? *OR* Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

Was there anyone in your life who lived intentionally & invited you into the Story of God in a critical way for you coming to faith?

DIG DEEPER (20-30 Minutes)

Read John 1:19-51. Reflect on the scripture by answering the following questions;

- 1) What does the scripture say about who God is?
- 2) What does it mean?
- 3) How do I apply it to my life?

RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

Read through the list opposite of IDEAS for becoming more INTENTIONAL + INVITING. What is the one your struggle with most implementing in your life? What are one or two that you think God might be asking you to begin to do in your life?

PRAY (10 Minutes)

Take some time to pray for members of your group in the specific areas they want to grow in being intentional & inviting.

IDEAS for becoming **INTENTIONAL + INVITING** in our daily lives ...

1. Get to work/school early so you can spend time praying for your co-workers/classmates and the day ahead.
2. Look for opportunities to speak, write or text encouragements to those in your life that don't yet know Jesus.
3. Intentionally eat lunch (or another meal) with others and learn their story. (Evangelism is doing normal life with gospel intentionality).
4. Regularly walk through your neighbourhood, school or workplace so that you can be present for, pray for and interact with those around you.
5. Be a regular at a local coffee house, businesses or a park where you can become known and get to know others.
6. Offer to pray for people on the spot who tell you they are going through a difficult time.
7. Avoid gossip. Be a voice of thanksgiving and hope, not complaining.
8. Display scripture and a few Christian books in your office or home. People may ask about them.
9. Hobby with Non-Christians - whether exercise, mom's group, night out or a camping trip. Be intentional.
10. Initiate relationship with new people or those around you that appear overlooked.
11. Keep an eye out for ways you can bless others or help meet their needs.
12. As you engage people in authentic relationships above, invite them to Alpha, church or a Big Day Event.

(This list includes suggestions from various online sources.)

Each of the above ideas are different ways that we can intentionally **PRAY** for, **EAT** meals with, **SERVE** the needs of, and **SHARE** life and stories with others. Through this intentionality we gain opportunities to **INVITE** them into the story of God.

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.