WEEK 4—BE CONTAGIOUS (JASON ANDERSON)

INTRODUCTION

Invitations are sometimes a bit mysterious. When you open the invitation you don't know what the invitation is for. You may not even know who it's from. Usually, invitations are a formal way to request your presence at an important event. God has invited all of us into his kingdom through his son, Jesus Christ. And we are instructed to extend this same invitation to others. This week we will talk about how God wants us to be contagious. We'll examine different ways to invite people to church and to experience new life in Christ. Let these questions guide your discussion.

BIBLE VERSE

COMMIT TO MEMORY: So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Describe a time you were invited to something you didn't enjoy. Were you glad you received the invitation? Why or why not?
- 2. According to **Matthew 28:18-20**, what was the last thing Jesus told his disciples to do? Why do you think he said this?
- 3. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**. What does an ambassador do? What does it mean to be Christ's ambassadors? As Christ's ambassadors, what is our message, according to these verses?
- 4. The Bible says that Christ followers are given spiritual gifts, and according to **Ephesians 4:11-12**, some people have a special gift of evangelism. They tend to naturally talk to people about matters of faith. But read **1 Peter 3:15**. How ready should all Christ followers be to talk about their faith in Jesus? What are some ways you can get ready to share your faith?
- 5. Read **Romans 10:13-15**. How do these verses challenge us to go and share our faith with others? With whom does the responsibility of telling others about Jesus lay?
- 6. Think about the three examples given of what it could look like to share your faith. Recall the drive by, developing relationship and direct styles of invitations. What does each style look like? What type of person is each style of invitation best used lie?
- 7. What is the worst thing that can happen to you if you invite someone to church and they say no? What could happen if they say yes? What could happen if you never invite them?

THINK ABOUT IT

Some people never talk about religion and politics. But from God's perspective, a person's faith is the one thing we should talk about. This week, begin or continue to pray for your friends and acquaintances who don't know Christ. Then, using whatever style is most appropriate, be contagious and invite at least one person to church and see what God does through your invitation.

