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Title: You'll Be Glad You Did #4

Big Idea/Sermon summary:

Evangelism can sound intimidating, scary and maybe even a bit weird. Thankfully it's nothing of the sort. In this message we used Jesus as a guide to debunk a few myths around the idea of outreach to others. If you invite someone to church... you'll be glad you did!

Myth 1: We need a script!

Truth: We need a story.

Myth 2: It's so complicated.

Truth: We need 3 simple words.

Myth 3: I need to be able to explain everything!

Truth: We need to pray for an experience.

Who to invite? Listen for:

- when someone is not in church anymore (e.g. "I used to go to church but...")
- when things are not going to well (e.g. "I just found out my mum is sick")
- when they are not prepared for (e.g. "we just found out that we are... and we don't know what to do!")

How to invite: " You should come and see my church! I can pick you up?"

Or "You should come and see my church! You can sit with me!"

Key Scripture: John 1: 29-51

Questions for Discussion:

- 1) What brought you to church? Who brought you to church? Share your story.
- 2) When you hear the word 'evangelism' what comes to mind? Is your response positive or negative? Why?
- 3) How do you feel about evangelism simply being an "enthusiastic advocate" for something/someone?
- 4) If Jesus modelled a "come and see" approach, what kind of place does the church need to be for people to welcome people?
- 5) Are you comfortable inviting people to our church? Why/why not?
- 6) Tell us one person you could invite to "come and see" in the coming months. How can we support you in following through?