

The Invitation - Stef Rohler

Viewing the entire gospel through the lens of it being an invitation to know Jesus. First to recognize him, then to follow, then to change your life, then to share. A faith journey. Some special invitation to skeptics to take a look again, and an invitation to see the real Jesus in the gospel.

Icebreaker:

Share a time, story or incident when you did not see something the way it really was. (**Here is one from Stef.** I once saw a lady at a truck stop with nude colored leggings on, and I thought she was standing at the check out absolutely naked)

Small Group Questions:

- Share your definition of the gospel or the good news.
- How does viewing the gospel as an invitation change your perception? Is it easier or harder to think about it that way?
- In what ways do you recognize the creator of the universe? (we talked about music, creation, emotions, math and reasoning during the teaching)
- How hard is it to just follow Jesus, rather than becoming a backseat driver, co-captain or critic?
- Do you find yourself more like Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) or like the rich young man (Mark 10:17-22)?
- In what way are you fishing for men or feeding the sheep, in other words, how are you helping to share this invitation to know Jesus?

Engage the Bible:

John 1:1-3, psalm 19:1-4. (invitation to see the creator) Mark 1:16-17 (come follow me) Luke 19:1-10 (say yes, Zacchaeus) mark 10:17-22(say no, rich young man)