



INVEST & INVITE ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 ❖ April 13, 2008

1. Rehearse the pictures of God that have been presented the past three Sunday mornings and what these images bring to mind.

IGNITE

- ❖ Picture of the temple – together we are the temple of God (i.e., the presence of God is in our midst) and how this gives us a holy expectancy when we gather.
- ❖ Picture of the trinity in community – the circle dance and how this gives us the sense that we were made in God's image and for relationship with one another.

INVEST

- ❖ Picture of Jesus as both judge and Saviour.

2. When we use the word INVEST, what do we mean?

Leader Hints:

Engaging in life (building a relationship) with someone who is not a follower of Jesus and sharing my faith story and God's story with them, with the hope that they will follow Jesus.

3. Why do you believe that many Christians struggle with INVESTING?

Leader Hints:

Let the group brainstorm different reasons, hurdles, and obstacles.

4. How do the pictures of Jesus in 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 help us?

Leader Hints:

Jesus as judge – The "fear of the Lord" is not primarily about being scared of Jesus as judge, but more about understanding who he is and the opportunity that we have in this life of pleasing him by telling others about him.

Jesus as Saviour – Jesus' love is our focus, and it reminds us that there is a way to be reconciled to God, and nothing is more important than being reconciled to God.

5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 and ask one another whether or not Jesus' love has a grip on your life? Why or why not?

Leader Hints:

This is the part of the study where hopefully people will be transparent with one another. Affirm the transparency. Perhaps you could encourage accountability within the group through prayer and follow-up. As each person shares, make sure that someone else in the group expresses care for them through prayer and follow-up.

6. If someone asked you for some helpful advice on how to INVEST, what advice would you give them?