



Found People Find People
“Invite”

Gather:

- Take some time to talk about your week.
- If you could trade lives with someone for one day, who would it be and why?

Change:

- What stuck out the most to you from this weekend’s message?
- Read Matthew 22:34-39 using the same “Picture It” method we used a couple of weeks ago, (Have one person read and everyone else close their eyes and put themselves in the story. Notice the smells, sounds, sights, and the tension). *Remember, Jesus is trying to be tripped up by people considered to be the smartest people around. How did Jesus respond?
- As followers of Christ we are called to love in a way that will always be outside of our comfort zone. Thinking about the examples from the message. What are some practical ways that you can better love your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and the people around us that seem very different from us?
- Let’s transition to this Shift commitment we call **Invite**. How would you respond if you were invited to stay for a week at Buckingham Palace where the Queen of England wanted to honor you with knighthood? Would you be Confused? Nervous? Scared? Curious? Excited? These are some of the feelings that people feel when they are invited to Church, and to be a part of this God thing. Knighthood would be an honor, but how much of a greater of an honor is it to be invited to hear about God’s forgiveness, love, and fullness of life He wants to give us... It is our role to invite and to journey alongside people as God does his work in people’s minds and hearts. ***Remember **Invitations** do not happen unless someone asks. We can assume that people know they are welcome to come to church, but this just isn’t reality. The truth is, people are not sure if they are welcome, so let’s be the church that truly is *a church for the rest of us!*
- Read through Mark 1:17, Matthew 11:28, John 6:35-37, Matthew 9:9, Matthew 19:21, John 12:26, Act 13:43, Acts 16:25-34. What are some common themes?

Serve:

- Remember we may or may not... (ok, we will) have Shift SWAG that we want to share, so Invite someone new to be a part of

the Shift next weekend. If eternity is at stake, which it is, then we need to live with a greater sense of urgency. God is for the people of Gainesville! So let's let them know!

- Have you served Gainesville as a small group yet? Sign up to serve the community at our next kettle corn event. [Wiles Elementary Kettle Corn Sign Up](#)