

## Life Groups – Resource Sheet 4

# Who and how do you invite to your Life Group?

### Bible

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

- Mark 1:17

### Details

Jesus is asking people He has met at Peter's house or with his cousin John to follow Him. Having been John's disciples these guys would have been aware John's mission was to prepare for the Lord. God was already at work in their lives, they had already seen Jesus heal Peter's mum and had already realized there was something about Jesus they wanted to be near and learn from.

This is how we should approach starting a new group or inviting someone to join our group. Consider those in your existing networks, even those you don't know well but have a prompting to spend more time with.

For some the invitation will be received with joy, a welcome invitation into community; for others it is their relationship with you which will help them face challenges such as busyness, kids' routines and work schedules.

When the invitation is not accepted immediately, approach it much like Jesus did, in simple terms, and allow God to do the rest. An invitation to an easy dinner with others you have invited may be a gentle way for people to see if your group 'fits right'.

### Next Steps

- Pray for who to invite.
- Ask your Life Group Coach or Pastor about possible invitees they may know.
- Come to a Perpetual Life Group and as you get to know people ask them to join your new group.
- Start a Messenger or Whatsapp group with your proposed members to discuss who will bring supper, etc.