



Best Practices: Learning to invite people to *Discovering Christ*

Goal of this conference call: Practical -personal and parish wide- ways to invite others to join us for Discovering Christ.

I. Foundations to our approach

A. Gospel illustrations of inviting others to discover Christ

- 1 Jesus approach, "*Come and See!*" (John 1:39)
- 2 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was the first to tell Peter that he had found the Messiah. And it was Andrew who brought Peter to Jesus (John 1:41).
- 3 Matthew the tax collector after his conversion invited his friends to a dinner party to introduce Jesus! (Luke 5:27-32)

B. Why we invite others.

C. Inviting others to come along to something that is meaningful for many people:

Dinner – social and communal dynamic; **prayer in song** that is simple (understandable and accessible to all); **Teaching** that is basic Gospel truth that is relevant; **small group disc's** that are safe and open.

D. DC is something I can bring people to!

II. OK, so what can I do?

A. Personally inviting others to Discovering Christ

- 1 **Personal invitation**
- 2 **Operation Peter.** <http://www.christlife.org/discover/resources.php>
- 3 **Invite Cards.** <http://www.christlife.org/discover/resources.php>
- 4 **Flyers.**
- 5 **Social Networking** - Facebook.

- 6 **Discovering Christ Invite video.** <http://www.christlife.org/discover/whatIsDC.php>

B. Inviting others as a Parish community

- 1 **Pulpit.** The Pastor inviting everyone from the pulpit is very effective.
- 2 **Testimonial Announcement.** Have someone who has gone through the course invite people during announcements at Mass.
- 3 **Show invite video** Some parishes have the means now to show a video during announcements time at Mass.
- 4 **Info table** in the narthex.
- 5 **Sign up cards in pews & lobby.**
- 6 **Bulletin inserts or press releases.**
- 7 **Parish Web page – Facebook, etc.** This is a great way to streamline registrations and get the word out. Also put up the invite video!
- 8 **Strategic invites: Christmas, Easter and Other events** (for CEO's)
- 9 **Monsignor Luca's example:** <http://christlife.org/discover/share.php>

III. Some experiences we have had in the U.S. and Slovakia

**Mark your calendars to join us for the next ChristLife conference call:
Tuesday, October 11, 1:30-2:30 PM Eastern**