

Biblical Invitations

Intro – It is our custom to offer an “invitation” every time we assemble as a church.

We do this for several reasons:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

I. Invitations in the Bible

A look into the Scriptures shows that the model for this practice is found there.

1. The invitation to be \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:36-40 \_\_\_\_\_

2. The invitation to be \_\_\_\_\_

- Many of the epistles deal with the sins committed by Christians \_\_\_\_\_

I John 1:5-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 9 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 10 \_\_\_\_\_

- Remember, John is speaking to Christians. \_\_\_\_\_

- This is where the invitation to be restored comes in.

A. Some Christians wander away because of worldliness. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Some wander away because of discouragement. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. The invitation to** \_\_\_\_\_

James 5:14 \_\_\_\_\_

- The Holy Spirit tells us to ask for prayer. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. The invitation to** \_\_\_\_\_

- This is the most controversial of the four. \_\_\_\_\_

- Some say they don't see this in the New Testament. \_\_\_\_\_

**Placing Membership is Important**

A. It is important for \_\_\_\_\_

B. It is important for \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 13:7 \_\_\_\_\_

C. It is important for \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 9:26 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 9:19-22 \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary/Invitation**

- This has been an effort to shed some light on our practice of extending an invitation at each service.
- Why do it at every service?
  1. There is always \_\_\_\_\_
  2. There is always \_\_\_\_\_
  3. There is always \_\_\_\_\_
  4. There is always \_\_\_\_\_
- There is no shame in coming forward of sending a card. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need to respond to the invitation today?