

How to Invite Someone to Receive Christ
Evangelism Training #3 - Tips For Witnessing

John 1:12 “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

- (v.11) “His own did not receive Him. (v.12) Grace is given to those who do receive Him.
- Receive and believe - To receive (accept Jesus’s authority) and believe (trust His character and identity as God).
- More than knowledge - Belief requires total personal surrender of your life to His control.
- It’s personal - It’s the person’s decision to receive or not to receive Christ.
- We become children of God - Adopted, part of the family of God.
- Not everyone is God’s child - Comes as a direct result of this belief.
- After conversion - You are a new creation, you are saved by grace, you are secure.

How do you invite someone to receive Christ?

1. Pray

- Ask God to prepare their heart...to give you boldness...and the Holy Spirit to guide

2. Build a relationship

- Start a conversation based on the person’s interests.
- Offer to help them with something, showing genuine care.
- Listen

3. Share your story

- What was your life before you met Christ?
- How has your life changed since you met Christ?

4. Explain the gospel

- Jesus died for their sins
- Jesus rose again
- Jesus offers you eternal life with Him

5. Ask direct questions

- “Is there any reason why you wouldn’t want to start a relationship with Jesus right now?”
- “If you’re not ready, is there a reason why? Any questions I can answer for you?”

6. Lead them in a prayer to accept Christ

“Lord Jesus, I want to have a personal relationship with You. I know I am a sinner and I believe you died on the cross for my sins. I would like to invite You to come into my heart and forgive me for my sins. I turn from my past sins and want to walk with You as my Lord by faith. Thank You for hearing my prayer. I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

A few tips

- Be specific - Explain ‘churchianity terms’. Be clear what you are asking them to do.
- Offer the invitation in love - Be kind. Be humble. Be sincere. Don’t manipulate or press.
- Be patient - People are in different places. Be supportive even if they turn you down.