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Invite a Man to an Outreach Event

When we invite a man to a Christian event, it may be his only chance to hear the Gospel but for most of us, inviting another man to hear the Gospel is a somewhat frightening prospect because of what he might think of us. The great thing about outreach events is that all we have to do is make the invitation and pray for our guest, the rest is down to the speaker and God. The following steps should allay most of your fears.

STEP 1: Find out about the event

You will feel much more confident if you know precisely what you are inviting your guest to, especially in terms of the Gospel content and the way it will be presented. Seek assurances that the speaker is a good presenter and will not cause embarrassment to your guest. Make sure too that you know exactly where the event is to be held, the start/finish times and the cost.

STEP 2: Make a list of who you could invite

This could include family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues and others you come in contact with who might be interested in the topic or seem to be searching for spiritual truth.

STEP 3: Pray about who you should invite

Ask God about each man on your list and before too long you should be able to make a short list and perhaps identify the one man you believe God is asking you to invite to this event. Target five or six men, and expect to take one or two. Now ask God to help you to make the invitation without fear or embarrassment and help you with any questions.

STEP 4: Making the invitation

Inviting your guest about two weeks before the event usually works well. Choose the

right unhurried moment. Explain what the event is about and how it might be of interest to them. Make the invitation face-to-face, by telephone or by letter, whichever is appropriate. Always make the invitation yourself. If they don't want to commit themselves, don't press the matter but contact them again nearer the time. In either case, leave an invitation card. Don't worry if the man you ask says no – remember to ask him next time. You have done your bit in praying and making the invitation. You might now invite number 2 on your list.

STEP 5: After making the invitation

Remind him if appropriate a few days before – why not take him to the venue?

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Only you can decide if you are going to pay for his ticket.

STEP 6: Pray for your guest on a long-term basis

You should pray for the men that God impresses on your heart before you invite them, in the run up to an event and after the event even if they do not attend. Prayer does change things. See *Guide No.2 SET UP A MEN'S OUTREACH PROGRAMME*.

STEP 5:

See *Guide No.11 'MC' A MEN'S OUTREACH EVENT* and *Guide No.12 CHECK OFF ACTIONS FOR MEN'S OUTREACH EVENTS*.

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