



#### Some common reasons people don't invite others to church

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# Invite someone to church this Sunday. We welcome anyone new here.

Many people, including myself, often struggle with the idea of bringing a guest to church. Here is a list of common excuses that visit our mind every time we want to bring someone:

### "I am not ready to invite a guest, I need to prepare more spiritually"

No one is ever really ready, but God is ready to put love in your heart and words in your mouth when we make ourselves available. Our church has a local NYC Care Team that will take care of new visitors, answer their questions, and get them connected to more. Bring your guest or friend to the New Here table, and we'll take it from there!

## "My church has so many proble ms, I don't want new guests to be affected by them"

Constantly dealing with problems is a normal process of perfecting any organization, including family. According to senior pastor Rev. In Jin Moon, that is how we create ideal family and ideal church - when we deal with the problems and not run from them. Your guests may have problems as well. Believe God will find the right people in church to take care of your new guest's spiritual life and protect him or her just like He did it for you and many others.

### "I don't know what's available for new guests and what their experience will be like"

Lovin' Life has a membership track specific to newcomers, but the most important thing

they do before they attend the Vision class is participate in whatever activities you do! If you are enjoying service or your small group or volunteer team, chances are your friend will too. Start by inviting them to Sunday service and introduce him or her to your pastor or Care Team. Each person is unique and so is the path to God they are walking. Let your pastor or Guest Care Team help your guest to see what is the next step on their spiritual journey.

"What if the person will reject my invitation, I don't want to look stupid" - 80% of new visitors come to church because someone personally invited them and they have questions or desires in their heart. Don't expect them though to come right away, they may need to free their schedule and "prepare more spiritually." Don't give up because God never does.

May the odds ever be in your favor and that every person you invite comes to church.



Lovin' Life will be LIVE from Virginia this Sunday and will not be at the Manhattan Center. Come join us for a local broadcast service at The Learning Center at 4 West 43rd Street.

Doors open at 9:30am. Invite a friend, a co-worker, a mom, grab a coffee from the Life Lounge, and celebrate this Mother's Day with us.

Sincerely, Andrew Love, LLM NYC Pastor

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